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Appointed to take into Conſideration the State of the Adminiſtration of Juſtice in the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar, and Oriſſa, and to report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe, with their Obſervations thereupon; and who were inſtructed to conſider how the Britiſh Poſſeſſions in the Eaſt Indies may be held and governed with the greateſt Security and Advantage to this Country, and by what Means the Happineſs of the Native Inhabitants may be beſt promoted.

IN the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, the Secret Committee, in their Fifth Report, entered into ſome Detail of the Origin of the Rohilla War; and the Houſe, in Conſequence of that Report, came to a Reſolution, reprobating that War in very ſtrong Terms. See Journal, 28th May 1782—8th Reſolution.

Your Committee, in the Courſe of their Examination into the late Proceedings of the Governor General in the Province of Oude (which will form the ſubject Matter of a future Report) have had Occaſion to peruſe the Records of the Company relative to the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, one of thoſe Rohilla Chiefs who was diſpoſſeſſed of his Territories by the late Vizier Sujah Dowlah, but with whom a Treaty had been made, under the Sanction of the Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces in Bengal; and certain Diſtricts were yielded to him by that Treaty: Your Committee think it their Duty to report this Caſe to the Houſe.

It appears to Your Committee, that the Engliſh Army under the Command of Colonel Champion, was cantoned in the Rohilla Country after the Campaign of 1774; and that in the Midſt of the Rainy Seaſon, the Vizier, without conſulting the Commander in Chief, and even againſt his Advice, put his own Army in Motion againſt Fyzoolah Khan, a Rohilla Chief, who had collected together the remaining Wealth and Strength of the Rohilla Tribe, and who had taken an advantageous Poſt at Lall-Dang, the Extremity of the Rohilla Country.

Colonel Champion, in his Letter to the Secret Committee of Bengal, dated the 24th of July 1774, writes, "That as his Excellency was ſo very deſirous of his taking the Field, and as he has "the ſole Authority of preſcribing the Service to be undertaken, and has quoted the Preſident's "Advice, I am conſtrained to break Ground with all the Sepoys of the Brigade and the European "Grenadiers."

Your Committee further find, That Colonel Champion having joined his whole Force with the Vizier's, and after reducing ſome conſiderable Fortreſſes in the Rohilla Country, they advanced

within a Mile of Lall-Dang, where Fyzoolah Khan was intrenched with his Army in a very ſtrong Poſition.

On the 13th of Auguſt 1774, the Vizier wrote to Colonel Champion, deſiring him to offer Fyzoolah Khan Peace, upon certain Conditions—In conſequence whereof a Negociation commenced; and

On the 6th of October, Colonel Champion wrote from Camp to the Preſident and Members of the Select Committee at Calcutta, as follows:

" I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that the Vizier and Fyzoolah Khan have this Day agreed " upon Terms of Peace. Fyzoolah is to have a Jaghire of Fourteen Lacks Seventy-five " thouſand Rupees per Annum in the Rohilla Country, with Liberty to keep 5,000 Men in Arms; " in Conſideration whereof he is to give the Vizier Half his Treaſure. When the Agreement has " gone through the uſual Formalities, I ſhall do myſelf the Honour of tranſmitting a Copy of it " to you; in the mean Time I beg leave to congratulate you on the Concluſion of the War."

On the 8th of October, Colonel Champion alſo wrote from the Camp within Four Coſs of Lall-Dang, to the Preſident and Committee, as follows:

" Under Date of the 6th Inſtant, I informed you that the Vizier and Fyzoolah had come to an " Accommodation; and I have now the Honour to tranſmit Copies of the mutual Engagements " entered into between them, as drawn out by his Excellency the Vizier, and ſealed and ſworn to " by him and the Rohilla Yeſterday, in my Preſence.

" The Vizier has drawn off his own Army, and To-morrow I ſhall, agreeably to his Requeſt, " follow with the Company's Troops.

" As Fyzoolah Khan is reſtricted to a ſmall Body of Men, ſuch of the Troops diſbanded by " him, as the Vizier does not chuſe to entertain, are to croſs the Ganges without Delay.

" I know not well, why his Excellency has not inſerted in Fyzoolah's Agreement, the Obli- " gation to deliver up Half his Treaſure. I remarked this ſeeming Omiſſion to his Excellency " before the Agreements were ſigned; he only anſwered, that whatever Fyzoolah's Effects might " be, he would be contented with Half, and the other promiſed to give a faithful Account of " them."

The following are Copies of the Treaties incloſed in the above Letter:

Copy of a Treaty under the Hands and Seal of the Nabob Sujah ul Dowlah Bahader, and Colonel Champion.

" A Friendſhip having been entered into between me and Fyzoolah Khan, I have agreed to " give him the Country of Rampore, and ſome other Diſtricts dependent thereon, producing alto- " gether an Annual Revenue of 14,75,000 Rupees; and I have ſtipulated, Fyzoolah Khan ſhall " retain in his Service 5,000 Troops, and not a ſingle Man more: I therefore give this written " Engagement, that I will at all Times, and on all Occaſions, ſupport the Honour and Character of " Fyzoolah Khan, and will promote his Intereſt and Advantage to the utmoſt of my Power, upon " the following Conditions—That Fyzoolah Khan ſhall enter into no Connection with any Perſon " but myſelf, and that he ſhall hold no Correſpondence with any Perſon, except the Engliſh " Chief—That he ſhall conſider my Friends as his Friends, and my Enemies as his Enemies; and, " That with whomſoever I ſhall make War, Fyzoolah Khan ſhall ſend Two or Three thouſand Men, " according to his Ability, to join my Forces, and if I march in Perſon, Fyzoolah Khan ſhall him- " ſelf accompany me with his Troops; and if on account of the Smallneſs of the Number of the " Forces he is to retain in his Service, he is not able to accompany me, I will then appoint him " Three or Four thouſand more Troops, that he may accompany me with a good Army, and I " will be at the Expence of ſupporting them.—Upon the Performance of theſe Conditions, I have " agreed to give the ſaid Countries, at the aforementioned Revenue, to Fyzoolah Khan, and to " promote his Intereſt and Advantage to the utmoſt of my Power.—If Fyzoolah Khan fulfils the " Articles of this Treaty, and adheres ſteadily to it, I will not neglect whatever may be for his " Advantage.

" He ſhall ſend the Remainder of the Rohillas on the other Side of the River. I have ſworn on " the holy Khoran, calling God and his Prophet to witneſs to the Performance of theſe Articles.

Col. Champion.

Rujjub, 1188.

Vizier's Seal.

Copy of a Treaty under the Hands and Seals of Fyzoolah Khan and Colonel Champion.

" A Friendſhip having taken place between the Nabob Vizier Ul Mult Behadar and me, and " the Nabob Vizier having been graciouſly pleaſed to beſtow on me a Country, I have ſworn on the " holy Khoran, calling God and his Prophet to witneſs to what I engage—That I will always " whilſt I live, continue in Submiſſion and Obedience to the Nabob Vizier—That I will retain in " my Service 5,000 Men, ſtipulated by the Nabob Vizier, and not a ſingle Man more—That with " whomſoever the Nabob Vizier ſhall engage in Hoſtilities, I will aſſiſt him; and, That if the " Nabob Vizier ſhall ſend an Army againſt any Enemy, I will alſo ſend Two or Three thouſand of " my Troops to join them; and if he goes in Perſon againſt any Enemy, I will perſonally attend " him with my Forces—That I will have no Connection with any Perſon but the Nabob Vizier, " and will hold no Correſpondence with any one (the Engliſh Chiefs excepted)—That whatever the " Nabob Vizier directs, I will execute; and that I will at all Times, and on all Occaſions, both in " Adverſity and Proſperity, continue his firm Aſſociate.

" I have ſworn on the holy Khoran, calling God and his Prophet to witneſs to the Performance " of theſe Articles.—May God and his Prophet puniſh me, if I act contrary to them."

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Seal of Colonel Champion.

Rujjub 1188.

Seal of Fyzoolah Khan.

And Your Committee further find, That the Vizier Sujah Dowlah faithfully diſcharged his Part of the Treaty, by giving Fyzoolah Khan the actual Poſſeſſion of the Diſtrict of Rampore very ſoon after the Signature of this Treaty.

And Your Committee obſerve, That in the Month of February 1778, Mr. Middleton, the Engliſh Reſident at the Court of Azoph ul Dowlah, the Son and Succeſſor of Sujah Dowlah, ſent Mr. Daniel Barwell, a Servant of the Eaſt India Company, on a Deputation to Fyzoolah Khan. As the Object of his Miſſion is explained by Mr. Middleton, in his Letter to the Supreme Council of the 25th of February 1778, and in his Letter to Mr. Barwell of the 4th of March following; and as it appears, that the Guarantee of the Company aroſe out of this Deputation; Your Committee have thought it neceſſary, in this Place, to inſert theſe Letters at large, together with Mr. Barwell's Report in his Letter to Mr. Middleton of the 26th of March 1778.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Middleton to the Governor General and Council; dated Lucknow, 25th February 1778.

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" The Reports which have for ſome Time paſt prevailed, of Fyzoolah Khan's raiſing and main- " taining a large Force, contrary to the Tenor of his Treaty with the Nabob Sujah ul Dowlah; " his giving Protection and Encouragement to the Fugitives of Zabita Khan's defeated Army; his " ſecret Correſpondence with that Chief and his Followers, who are leagued with the Seicks, and " who no doubt would eagerly embrace any Opportunity which might in Appearance afford " them even a Chance of recovering their former Poſſeſſions, or of contributing to the Relief of " their preſent Neceſſities; ſeem to demand the immediate Attention of this Government. I con- " feſs, I have hitherto given very little Credit to theſe Inſinuations, under the Belief that Fyzoolah " Khan's own Prudence and good Senſe, would naturally ſuggeſt to him the bad Policy of en- " gaging in any wild or doubtful Enterprizes, while he conſidered his preſent Eſtabliſhment per- " manent and ſecure: But alarmed as he has been, by the Nabob's Reſumption of a Number of " Jaghires granted by his Father to different Perſons, and the Injuſtice and Oppreſſion of his Con- " duct in general; and at the ſame Time entertaining Doubts as to the Part our Government " would take in the Caſe of any Attempt being made by his Excellency to deprive him of the " Rights he holds by virtue of his Treaty with the late Vizier; it is not impoſſible but he might " be induced to form Connections, and to engage in Schemes, incompatible with his Duty and " Allegiance to the Vizier: Nor will the Honourable Board be ſurpriſed, after the Repreſentations I " have lately had Occaſion to make to them of the Conduct of the Nabob, that the Rohilla Chief " ſhould place ſo little Reliance on the Faith of his Excellency's Engagements—For theſe Reaſons, " I think it highly neceſſary, that the Situation and Views of Fyzoolah Khan ſhould be minutely " enquired into; that if he really harbours any Deſigns hoſtile to this Government, they may be " cruſhed before they have acquired ſufficient Maturity to affect either the Intereſts of the Vizier " or the Honourable Company; or, on the other Hand, that if his Conduct has been in no Reſpect " exceptionable, he may have an Opportunity of clearing it of Suſpicion.

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" A late Application from Fyzoolah Khan, to obtain the Guarantee of the Honourable Company " to his Engagements with the Vizier, and his urgent Solicitations to get this effected with all

" poſſible Haſte, plainly evince his Suſpicions of the Vizier, and afford the faireſt Opening for an " Enquiry into the Truth of the Reports circulated to his Prejudice, without directly alarming " him; I have therefore taken upon me to depute Mr. Daniel Barwell, who is now with me upon " a Viſit, and who, as he concurred with me in the Propriety of the Meaſure, and had no Affairs " of Conſequence to demand his Preſence at Benares, has been kind enough to accept the Commiſ- " ſion, to proceed immediately to Fyzoolah Khan, to make ſtrict Enquiry upon the Spot into the " paſt Conduct and apparent Views of that Chief, that he may at once either be cleared of Suſpi- " cion, or puniſhed by the Vizier, if it ſhall appear that he has infringed the Articles of the Treaty. " —Admitting that the Rohilla Chief's Deſigns are friendly, his extraordinary Solicitude to obtain " the Guarantee of the Company is conſiſtent, and the Reaſon obvious—having heard of the Re- " ports circulating to his Prejudice, and of the Acts of Injuſtice and Oppreſſion which the Vizier " *is conſtantly exerciſing upon thoſe who are wholly at his Mercy*, he is apprehenſive leſt his Ex- " cellency, deſirous of ſeizing his Country and involving him in Ruin, ſhould avail himſelf of theſe " Reports to execute his Purpoſe. For theſe Reaſons, and as the Treaty between Fyzoolah Khan " and the late Nabob was made under the Sanction of the Engliſh, I hope the Honourable Board " will approve of the Step I have taken, as it will be the Means of obviating any Diſputes between " the Vizier and Fyzoolah Khan, and in Caſe of the latter's acquitting himſelf, will give him a " Confidence in the Company, which may induce him to look up to that Influence as the ſureſt " Defence againſt any Invaſion of his Rights, and thereby render him a faithful and perhaps a " uſeful Ally upon ſome future Emergency.—If therefore, after the Inveſtigation made by Mr. " Barwell on the Spot, it ſhall appear, that the Reports ſpread to the Prejudice of Fyzoolah Khan, " are without any juſt Foundation, and that he has not in any Shape ſwerved from his Duty and " Allegiance to the Vizier, I requeſt to know, whether the Honourable Board will be pleaſed to " grant me Permiſſion to comply with his Requeſt of the Company's guaranteeing his Treaty with " the Vizier, that I may inſtruct Mr. Barwell, either to encourage or wholly ſuppreſs any Negocia- " tion that may have this Tendency.

" As there appeared to me an immediate Neceſſity to depute ſome Perſon on the Part of the Ho- " nourable Company, to ſearch into the Truth of theſe Reports, in order to prevent the inſtant " Effect of any Alarms which the Vizier's Conduct may have given to Fyzoolah Khan, I hope " the Propriety of the Meaſure will excuſe my having availed myſelf of Mr. Barwell's Abilities " and Knowledge of the Perſian Language in this Buſineſs, as Mr. Chandler, my Head Aſſiſtant, " is fully employed in aſſiſting me in the Accounts, and other current Buſineſs of my Office; and " Mr. Bathurſt is not returned from his public Miſſion with Mirza Saudut Ali.

" I entreat the Honourable Board will be pleaſed to favour me with as ſpeedy an Anſwer as poſ- " ſible, as Mr. Barwell will neceſſarily be detained with Fyzoolah Khan until it arrives."

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Middleton to Mr. Daniel Barwell; dated at Lucknow, the 4th of March 1778.

" Reports having for ſome Time paſt prevailed, of Fyzoolah Khan's raiſing and maintaining in " his Service a larger Force than the Conditions of his Treaty with the late Nabob Sujah Dowlah " allow him; of his giving Protection and Encouragement to the Fugitives of Zabita Khan's de- " feated Army; of his holding ſecret Correſpondence with that Chief, his Followers the Seicks, " and other Powers diſaffected to the Vizier's Government; I have thought it neceſſary, for the " Security of our Ally and the Honourable Company's Intereſt, to make a ſtrict Enquiry into the " Situation and Views of the Rohilla Chief, that if he really entertains any Deſigns hoſtile to the " Vizier's Government, they may be effectually cruſhed before he has acquired ſufficient Strength, " or formed Connections, which would enable him to make Reſiſtance. To effect this important " Object, it appears to me indiſpenſably neceſſary that a Gentleman, on whoſe Report intire Re- " liance may be had, ſhould proceed immediately to the Capital of Fyzoolah Khan, to make par- " ticular Enquiry on the Spot, into the ſeveral Heads of Complaint which have been alledged " againſt that Chief; and as I have no Aſſiſtant at preſent with me but Mr. Chandler, or any other " Perſon ſufficiently acquainted with the Languages of the Country to take upon him ſuch a " Commiſſion, I avail myſelf of the Permiſſion you have given me, to make Uſe of your Services; " and now trouble you with the following Inſtructions for your Guidance in the Execution of this " Truſt.

" You will proceed with all convenient Speed to Rampore, the Reſidence of Fyzoolah Khan, " and deliver to him the incloſed Letter from me, which ſerves as a perſonal Introduction to him, " and alſo as an Intimation of the Purpoſes of your Miſſion.

" You will be pleaſed to acquaint him with the Particulars of the Reports which have been " circulated to the Prejudice of his Character and good Faith; and impreſs ſtrongly upon his Mind, " the Neceſſity of his acquitting himſelf of them, if he wiſhes to continue upon Terms of Friend- " ſhip with the Engliſh, or preſerve the Alliance of the Vizer. You will pleaſe to have his Army " muſtered before you, or aſcertain, by any other Means which you may beſt approve, the exact Num- " ber of Troops he retains in his Service, and in what Manner they are employed; you will alſo en- " deavour to diſcover with whom he holds Correſpondence, what is the Nature of it, and through " what Channel he carries it on.

" You

" You will further make particular Enquiry into the State of the Country, its Defences, and its " annual Revenue; theſe are the Objects which I have particularly to recommend to your Enquiry, " and to requeſt your Obſervations upon; but I ſhould be glad you would communicate to me in " general, any other Diſcoveries you may make during your Reſidence with Fyzoolah Khan, which " you ſhall judge worthy the Notice of the Vizier's, or our own Government.

" I have addreſſed the Honourable Board upon the Subject of your Miſſion; and for your further " Information, now incloſe you a Copy of my Letter, from which you will perceive, there is a Poſ- " ſibility of your being entruſted with the Management of further Negociations with Fyzoolah " Khan: I muſt however requeſt, that you will confine yourſelf wholly to the Enquiries above re- " commended to you; and even ſhould the Rohilla Chief clear himſelf of all Suſpicion to your " Satisfaction, you will carefully avoid giving him any poſitive Aſſurances of the Company's " Guarantee to his Treaty with the Vizier; but ſhould he urgently and repeatedly require it, you " will not wholly repreſs all Hopes of the Kind, but make yourſelf acquainted with his Motive " for ſuch Requiſition, and leave it in Suſpence until the Pleaſure of the Honourable Board ſhall " have been formally ſignified to you.

" I incloſe you a Copy of the Treaty entered into between Fyzoolah Khan and the late Nabob " Sujah ul Dowlah; which will enable you the better to judge how far the former has adhered to " his Engagements with this Government."

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Daniel Barwell to Mr. Middleton; dated at Rampore the 26th of March 1778.

" The Evening of my Arrival at Rampore, the Capital of the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, I waited " on him, and delivered to him your Letter of Introduction, which intimated to him the Intent of " my Miſſion.

" The Day following he returned my Viſit; when I ſeparately explained to him the ſeveral Re- " ports that had been raiſed to his Prejudice, by accuſing him of having broken many Articles of " the Treaty granted him by the Indulgence of the late Vizier Sujah-ul-Dowlah: In each parti- " cular of theſe Reports, he replied in the fulleſt and moſt ſatisfactory Manner. Not thinking it pro- " per to truſt to his bare Affirmation on Points which, for his own Preſervation, he would naturally " deny, I requeſted him to iſſue immediate Orders for the muſtering of all his Troops; for as that " was the grand Point which would evince his Intentions, if hoſtile or friendly, it was neceſſary, I " told him, I ſhould arrive at a Certainty as to their Number and Strength, by the moſt expeditious " Means; that therefore he muſt not put any unfriendly Conſtruction on my Requiſition, as, if he " were conſcious of not having broken his Treaty in this Reſpect, a fair Opportunity was now " afforded him to wipe off the Stain of ill Faith, with which general Report had marked him, and " to clear his Character of all Suſpicion.

" With this Declaration he ſeemed well pleaſed; and the next Morning gave Orders for all his " Troops to be ſummoned from the different Quarters of the Country: No ſooner were they aſſem- " bled, but I had them inſtantly muſtered before me, when, inſtead of finding them to exceed the " Number ſpecified in the Treaty, I found, on the contrary, they rather fell ſhort of it; upon en- " quiring of him the Cauſe of this, he informed me, that he did in Reality maintain in his Service " Five thouſand Troops, agreeable to his Treaty, and that the ſmall Deficiency which appeared upon " the preſent Muſter, aroſe from ſome few being in diſtant Parts of the Country, who were not as " yet come in. He further informed me, that he had ſcarcely Occaſion for all the Troops he had in " his Service, as a ſmaller Number would ſerve for his Collections, in which Buſineſs they were alone " employed, but that he entertained them merely becauſe that Number was expreſsly ſpecified in his " Treaty, leſt he ſhould be unexpectedly called on by the Vizier to aſſiſt him, when, if his Troops " ſhould be found to be incomplete, it might afford a Pretext for the Vizier's Diſpleaſure. He then " proceeded to tell me, that it muſt be evident to all, and I muſt be ſenſible, that theſe Troops were " inſufficient for any hoſtile Purpoſes, when the whole Power of the Rohillas had been with Eaſe " ſubdued by the Vizier and his Ally the Company, and that therefore thoſe who accuſed him of " ſuch Intentions, at the ſame Time accuſed him of Inſanity, of which his Actions in general would " ſufficiently vindicate him; that, as for his holding a ſecret Correſpondence with Zabita Khan, and " others diſaffected to the Vizier's Government, he offered to ſwear in the moſt ſolemn Manner, that " ſuch Aſſertions were utterly falſe; and obſerved, that they would not bear a ſtrict and juſt Exami- " nation, for that a Correſpondence of that Nature could not benefit him, while it might involve " him in Troubles to his Ruin; it was therefore abſurd to ſuppoſe he ſhould enter into Connections, " which muſt inevitably draw on him the Reſentment of the Vizier, and in conſequence of our Go- " vernment, and in the End, Extirpation from his Country, without the ſmalleſt Appearance of " Advantage to himſelf.

" After having endeavoured, by every Means in my Power, to diſcover if he did or did not keep " up a Correſpondence with any Chief diſaffected to the Vizier's Government, that could lend him " Aſſiſtance in Time of Need, and not being able, by the ſtricteſt and moſt diligent Enquiries, to " trace any Thing of the Kind, I aſſured him, that I was conſcious Report had wronged him, and " that he had preſerved every Article of his Treaty inviolate; indeed the Arguments he has offered " in his Defence, carry great Weight with them, and ſhew a Juſtneſs and Deepneſs of Policy, ariſing from

" from Conſideration far ſuperior to that of the Princes of India in general. If he has had a Com-
" munication with Zabita Khan, or other Powers that are at Enmity with the Vizier, it has been car-
" ried on in ſo occult a Manner as to defy Detection, for even his very Enemies cannot bring the
" Accuſation home to him; it is therefore but juſt to ſuppoſe his own good Senſe and Reflection
" have pointed out to him the Folly of engaging in Purſuits, to which he might have been courted,
" and that, ſtrongly as he might be inclined to aid and aſſiſt his diſperſed Countrymen, a Conviction
" that all his Endeavours would prove ineffectual of the End propoſed, and draw down certain Ruin
" on himſelf, has led him to break off all Connection with them and their Party.

" No ſooner had I expreſſed myſelf ſatisfied as to the Unjuſtneſs of the Reports, than Fyzoolah
" Khan inſtantly informed me, that he had already made Application to you for a Renovation of his
" Treaty with the late Vizier, and the Guarantee of the Company, without which he affirmed he
" could not look upon himſelf as ſecure in his preſent Poſſeſſions. When I aſked him his Reaſons for
" theſe Fears, and for the Earneſtneſs he expreſſed to obtain the Guarantee of the Company, he began
" to enter into a long Detail of the Vizier's Actions of late, and particularly mentioned his Reſump-
" tion of ſeveral Grants made by his Father; and declared, that in ſo fluctuating a Government as the
" Vizier's, in which no Treaty was regarded as binding, he was under continual Fear of being op-
" preſſed by Violence and Injuſtice, and deprived of thoſe Poſſeſſions he now held by virtue of his
" Treaty; that his Enemies had raiſed theſe Reports with a View to his Ruin, which upon the ſtricteſt
" Inveſtigation had proved to be falſe and injurious; that from this, the Diſpoſition of the Vizier's
" Court in general towards him was obvious; that it was at all Times in their Power to circulate
" Reports of this Nature, and that the Vizier, without enquiring into the Truth or Fallacy of them,
" might, under Pretence of Juſtice, diſpoſſeſs him of his Country; that the Company were the only
" Power in which he had Confidence, and which he could look up to for Protection; that as they
" were the Allies of the late Vizier Sujah ul Dowlah, they were in a Manner bound to defend the
" Treaty made by him; that he, Fyzoolah Khan, had till lately imagined his Treaty had been
" granted to him under the Sanction of the Company, from Colonel Champion's affixing his Signa-
" ture thereto as a Witneſs; that he therefore relied upon the Juſtice of the Honourable Board, the
" Repreſentatives of the Company, to effectually prevent all Encroachments on the Part of the
" Vizier, as long as he ſhould be obſervant of every Condition ſtipulated in his Treaty, by allowing
" it to be guaranteed in the Name of the Company, or by entering into a ſeparate Agreement for his
" Defence and Protection.

" If the Honourable Board have not already given you the proviſional Power to grant the Gua-
" rantee of the Company to this Treaty with the Vizier, you will be pleaſed to tranſmit to them my
" Letter, that being made acquainted with the Unjuſtneſs of the Reports, and the Nabob's Motives
" for ſoliciting the Guarantee, they may determine on the Propriety of granting or with-
" holding it.

" Agreeable to your Injunctions, I have avoided, as much as lay in my Power, giving Fyzoolah
" Khan any poſitive Aſſurances of his Application for the Guarantee of the Company being complied
" with; though, from his aſſuring me his Continuance in his Dominions entirely depended on it, and
" that he ſhould regard a Refuſal as a tacit Order for him to withdraw to ſome other Country, I have
" been under the Neceſſity of encouraging him with Hopes of Succeſs. I requeſt you will favour
" me with your Inſtructions on this Point with all Haſte, that my Stay here may not be longer than
" what is abſolutely neceſſary."

And Your Committee find, That Mr. Middleton having communicated the Proceedings on this Subject to the Council General at Calcutta, the Council General, on the 9th of March 1778, upon the Motion of the Governor General, approved of his having deputed Mr. Daniel Barwell to Fyzoolah Khan, for the Purpoſes repreſented in his Letter, and authorized him to grant the Company's Guarantee to the Treaty ſubſiſting between the Nabob and him, provided it met with the Nabob's Concurrence; but if any Objection ſhould be made to it, he was immediately to adviſe the Council General on the Subject, before he proceeded any further in that Negociation —Which Concurrence your Committee find was given by the Vizier, and that the Company accordingly became Guarantees to the Jaghire granted by the Nabob to Fyzoolah Khan.

But this Act of Council did not paſs without Oppoſition; for Mr. Francis, in a Minute delivered at Council, declared, " that nothing is more notorious, than that the Nabob of Oude has no more " Power in his Dominions than I have." Mr. Francis diſapproved of the whole Proceeding in very pointed Terms, and particularly referred it to the Conſideration of the Company; a Copy of the Proceedings of the 9th of March 1778, Your Committee have thought proper to annex in the Appendix N° 1.

Your Committee cannot avoid ſtating to the Houſe, a very extraordinary Circumſtance which occurred in the Courſe of this Negociation: When Mr. Middleton tranſmitted the Inſtrument which guaranteed the Treaty, it was ſigned by himſelf, and ſealed with his Seal; the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan repreſented to Mr. Barwell, that the Guarantee which he had chiefly requeſted, and on which all his Dependence was placed, by not having the Seal of the Company, was not what he had from the Beginning ſo earneſtly deſired, and that nothing leſs than renewing the Guarantee, with the Company's Seal affixed to it, would convince him, that in Caſe of an Infraction of his Treaty on the Part of the Vizier, he ſhould be befriended by our Government.

And Your Committee find, That when Mr. Barwell reported this Matter to Mr. Middleton, he

was exceſſively diſpleaſed that his Powers and Authority ſhould be called in queſtion. His Letter of the 20th of April 1778, to Mr. Barwell, which Your Committee have thought neceſſary to inſert in this Place, will fully explain his Ideas of his own Conſequence.

" I have received your Letter of the 14th Inſtant, acquainting me that Fyzoolah Khan had de-
" clined the Acceptance of the Honourable Company's Guarantee to his Treaty with the Nabob Azoph
" ul Dowlah, under the Sanction you offered it to him; and incloſing me a Letter from that Chief to
" you on the Subject. As I conſider the Doubts and Suſpicions Fyzoolah Khan has thought pro-
" per to manifeſt, and indeed to declare, of my being duly authorized to act in this Buſineſs, as a
" perſonal Inſult to myſelf, and as the higheſt Indignity to the Authority I have the Honour to re-
" preſent; it is therefore incumbent upon me, as well in Juſtice to my own Feelings, as in Support
" of the public Authority veſted in me, to inſiſt upon his receiving the Guarantee in the Form, and
" under the Sanction, it has been tranſmitted to him, or upon your putting a Stop to all further
" Negociation with him, and immediately withdrawing yourſelf from his Court. I cannot, conſiſtently
" with my Duty and the Dignity of my Employers, aſſent to any other Alternative; for, to gratify
" Fyzoolah Khan in his preſent Demand, would not only be to deviate from an invariable Practice
" of the Service, and tacitly to ſubmit to the Inſult he has offered to my public Character, but
" would alſo be admitting a Precedent which might, and certainly would, be fraught with Conſe-
" quences entirely deſtructive of that deciſive Conduct on many Occaſions expected from me, as well
" as allowing him to dictate to the Honourable Board, and in fact to arrogate to himſelf, the Right
" of preſcribing the Terms of their Indulgence.

" I ſhall not pay ſo bad a Compliment to the Honour and Integrity of Colonel Champion, as to
" yield to the Belief that Fyzoolah Khan would artfully attempt to impoſe, of the Colonel's having
" ſigned the Treaty with Sujah Dowlah as a Surety on the Behalf of the Honourable Company;
" the Tenor of the Treaty itſelf certainly juſtifies no ſuch Suſpicion; and if Fyzoolah Khan really
" believed that Colonel Champion's Signature made the Honourable Company Arbiters between
" him and the Vizier in caſe of Diſputes, why ſhould he for theſe Twelve Months paſt, with ſuch
" earneſt Solicitude, have been urging me to procure him the Guarantee of the Company? The Truth
" is, I do not believe he had even an Idea that the Signature of Colonel Champion, under the Cir-
" cumſtances it was affixed, in any Reſpect whatever involved the Company. I was upon the Spot
" when that Treaty was concluded, was privy to every Circumſtance regarding it, and I never myſelf
" ſuppoſed, or heard it ſuggeſted, that the Company were underſtood to be Parties in it. Moreover,
" a Man of Fyzoolah Khan's Cautiouſneſs and Knowledge of Buſineſs, had he underſtood the Com-
" pany's Guarantee to have been annexed to his Treaty with Sujah Dowlah, cannot be ſuppoſed to
" have ſuffered, on an Occaſion of ſuch Moment to himſelf, the Omiſſion of that Sanction which alone
" could prove ſuch Guarantee, which was in the Nature of Things neceſſary thereto, and the never-
" failing Cuſtom of the Country require; I mean, the expreſſing in direct Words, that the Party
" ſigning his Name is become Guarantee for himſelf or Principals to the Convention bearing his
" Signature. I cannot therefore admit the Plea upon which Fyzoolah Khan grounds his Exceptions
" to the Guarantee now offered him; nor can I allow the unworthy Inſinuations he has thrown out
" againſt Colonel Champion, to be either decent or juſtifiable. I entirely agree with you, that it is
" highly neceſſary for my Honour, to convince Fyzoolah Khan that I have not acted in this Buſineſs
" without a legal Sanction, and I am perſuaded you have employed every Argument which the Sub-
" ject would naturally ſuggeſt, to enforce that Conviction; but ſince thoſe have failed, I cannot ap-
" prove of the Expedient you propoſe, nor can I think of ſoliciting the further Interference of the
" Honourable Board in a Matter they have empowered me to conclude, and upon which they have
" long ago given me their final Inſtructions: I ſhall however duly tranſmit them a Copy of your Letter
" and its Incloſure; and acquainting them with the Steps I have taken in conſequence, leave it to
" them to purſue ſuch further Meaſures as to their Judgment ſhall ſeem meet. In the mean Time,
" I think it neceſſary to obſerve, that you will by no Means wait for the Receipt of my Anſwer from
" the Honourable Board, but immediately deliver to Fyzoolah the accompanying Letter (a Copy of
" which for your Peruſal is alſo incloſed) requiring an explicit Anſwer from him, Whether he will
" or will not accept the Guarantee as already tranſmitted to you, and lodge with you a Counterpart
" of the Vizier's Treaty as ſent from hence? and in caſe of his Non-compliance, return with all poſ-
" ſible Expedition."

Your Committee obſerve, That on the Concluſion of this Negociation, Fyzoolah Khan paid a Lack of Rupees to the Vizier, as an Acknowledgment to his Superior; he alſo preſented a Lack of Rupees to the Company, as a Teſtimony of his Gratitude for the Obligation he had received from the Company by their Guarantee.—Mr. Francis objected to the Acceptance of the Lack of Rupees for the Company; he thought it beneath the Dignity of their Government to accept it, and that it would diſcredit them in the Eyes of the Indian Powers; but the Majority of the Council were of a contrary Opinion, and agreed to accept the Preſent to the Company; and, in conſequence of the Governor General's Motion, it was agreed, that he ſhould write to Fyzoolah Khan to confirm the Obligation of the Company as Guarantee to the Treaty, which, he adds, " will be equivalent in its Effect, " though not in Form, to an Engagement ſent him with the Company's Seal affixed to it."

And in Order to give the Houſe the fulleſt Information upon this Subject, Your Committee think it proper to inſert in the Appendix, N° 2, the Letters inſerted in the Proceedings of the 4th and 21ſt

May 1778, and the Council General's Proceedings thereupon, except ſuch as are herein before inſerted, and alſo Extracts from the Secret Letters from Bengal, of the 20th of March and 25th May 1778.

Your Committee find, That Mr. Middleton, the Reſident at Oude, in his Letter of the 5th of December 1778 to the Governor General and Council, informs them, That on the Rupture with France he had ſuggeſted to Fyzoolah Khan, the Loan of Two thouſand Horſe, to ſerve under the Company's Orders during the Continuance of the War; and with a great Degree of Satisfaction he acquaints them, that he had received from Fyzoolah Khan a formal Offer of the Aſſiſtance ſuggeſted to him, and that this Offer was made without any apparent Reluctance on his Part, or the ſmalleſt Efforts on Mr. Middleton's Part, incompatible with the Dignity of the Company; that on the contrary, Fyzoolah Khan received the Propoſition through his Vacqueel at the Court of Oude with an apparent Satisfaction, that convinced him that he was not only pleaſed, but highly flattered with the Idea of ſo cloſe an Union of Intereſts as this Meaſure muſt neceſſarily eſtabliſh between him and the Company. Appendix N° 3.

Your Committee having peruſed the Letter from the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan to Mr. Middleton, upon that Subject, and by him tranſmitted in the abovementioned Letter to the Governor General and Council, think it neceſſary to inſert it in this Place.

" I learn that War has broke out between the illuſtrious Engliſh Chiefs and the Chief of the " French Nation. I have no Connection with any Perſon in the World, except the Honourable " Engliſh Company and the Gentlemen of the illuſtrious Council, and conſider the Friends of the " Honourable Engliſh Company as my Friends, and their Enemies in like Manner as mine. It is " my Wiſh to perform ſuch Services to the Honourable Company as may be a convincing Proof, to " all the Engliſh Chiefs, of the Sincerity of my Attachment, and that the Warmth of my Zeal to " execute their Pleaſure, is the firſt Wiſh of my Heart; and I regard my Proſperity or Adverſity as " inſeparably attached to their Fortune. In this Portion of Land which I enjoy through the " Bounty of the Engliſh Chiefs, I am fixed ſecurely, and am thankful for their Kindneſs to me, " the Acknowledgment of which is my conſtant Employment as well by Night as by Day. Amongſt " the Five thouſand good Troops which I retain in my Service agreeably to Treaty, are 2,000 " Cavalry, which ſhall be ſent to the Preſence without Delay or Excuſe whatſoever, whenever they " are deſired: Should it be the Pleaſure of the Engliſh Chiefs to keep them with themſelves, under " their own Command, they ſhall, by the Bleſſing of God, remain with them agreeable to their " Wiſh, and be employed on any Service they may think proper to direct them.

" As long as I live I will not deviate a Hair's Breadth from the Duties of Fidelity and Obedience " to the Engliſh Chiefs; of this being perfectly aſſured, let me frequently experience the Pleaſure " of hearing from you."

And Your Committee find, That on the 28th of December 1778 (Appendix, N° 2.) the Council General of Bengal agree, not only to accept the Offer of 2,000 Horſe from Fyzoolah Khan, but they deſire him to hold them in Readineſs for any Service that may be required; and at the ſame Time they return him the Thanks of the Council for this Mark of his faithful Attachment to the Company; and the Governor General was requeſted, by the Council, to write to Fyzoolah Khan; which he accordingly did on the 8th of January 1779, as follows:

" I have been favoured with your Letter, offering a Body of 2,000 Horſe for the Service of the " Company; and in my own Name and that of the Board return you our warmeſt Thanks for this " Inſtance of your faithful Attachment to the Company and Engliſh Nation. We accept with " Pleaſure of your Offer, and requeſt that you will keep the Horſe in Readineſs for any Service that " we may have Occaſion to require of them. Knowing me anxious for your Welfare, let me fre- " quently have the Pleaſure to hear from you."

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And Your Committee find, That before the Reſolution of the Council was known, the Reſident wrote to the Council General on the 26th of December 1778, as follows:

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" I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, upon an Application made " him by Lieutenant Colonel Muir, very readily furniſhed him with 500 of his beſt Cavalry."

And in his Letter to the Council General of the 26th of January 1779, he writes,

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" It affords me particular Satisfaction to find that the Honourable Board's Wiſhes, reſpecting " a Part of this Force, have been anticipated, as they will have learnt, from my Addreſs of the 23d " of December, that a Body of 500 Horſe was ſent by Fyzoolah Khan to the Aſſiſtance of Lieu- " tenant Colonel Muir, in repelling the late Invaſion of the Seicks."

And Your Committee further find, That the Council General of Bengal, in their Letter to the Court of Directors of the 1ſt of February 1779, give the following Account of this Tranſaction:

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" We lately received Intelligence, that ſeveral Parties of the Seicks had croſſed the Ganges, en- " tered Rohilcund, and begun to commit Depredations in that Country, but they were ſoon re- " pulſed by ſome ſmall Bodies of the temporary Brigade, immediately detached to the Gauts for " that Purpoſe.

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" We thought this a fit Occaſion to avail ourſelves of a voluntary Offer made by the Nabob " Fyzoolah Khan, on hearing of the French War, to maintain a Corps of 2,000 Cavalry, which " ſhould be always ready for the Service of the Company when they might be demanded, " and therefore requeſted the Aid of ſuch Part of it as he could immediately ſpare to repel the " Seicks. We have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that he, without Heſitation or Delay, ſupplied 500 " Men, who marched to join and co-operate with the Forces employed on that Service."

Your Committee having obſerved in the Bengal Secret Correſpondence, a Letter from Fyzoolah Khan to his Vacqueel Bucktawa Sing, that deſcribes not only the Manner by which he was prevailed on to make the Offer of 2,000 Horſe, but alſo his Readineſs to carry it into Execution, under certain Reſtrictions; and alſo a Letter from him to the Governor General, deſcriptive of his own Situation; Your Committee have thought proper to inſert the ſame in this Place.

Copy of a Letter from Fyzoolah Khan to his Vackeel, Bucktawa Sing.

" Every one of the Engliſh Gentlemen and Officers of the Army reſiding in this Quarter, write " to me reſpecting the Buſineſs in Hand, and other Matters, as it ſeems beſt to him. If I comply " with every Thing which each of them writes or ſays to me, they are pleaſed; if I act otherwiſe, " they are angry, and ſhew their Reſentment by Accuſation and falſe Charges againſt me: In this " Dilemma, I know not how to act. Do you repreſent theſe Matters to the Governor, and ſtate to " him, that I can act under the Orders of One Perſon, but not under a Number; and write me " Word, what Anſwer he gives. Further, prevail on the Governor to write me a Letter with the Name " of the Gentleman I am to attend to, and ſend it to me, that I may act accordingly, and diſregarding " the Orders of every one who chuſes to direct me, may not trouble myſelf whether they are " angry or pleaſed.

" Mr. Middleton wrote me, that a War had broke out between the Engliſh and French, and " deſired that I would ſend him a Letter agreeable to a Draft he incloſed me; and I accordingly " wrote to him and the Governor agreeable to the Draft, the Contents of which you may learn from " a Copy of it. The Caſe is, that my Horſe are ready to go any where, and upon any Service they " may be deſired, and will act with Vigour and Spirit on all Occaſions; but they will not learn the " Engliſh Exerciſe, or be ſubject to the Subaltern Officers of the Army, ſuch as Adjutants, " &c. Make a Repreſentation of this Matter, which is highly neceſſary; for ſhould they be ex- " pected at the Time of Action to perform the Engliſh Exerciſe, it would occaſion a Diſappointment, " which would be very improper."

Copy of a Letter from Fyzoolah Khan to the Governor General.

" I have been honoured by your very friendly Letter, under Date the 29th of Rubbe Aſſanie " (17th May) which afforded me the utmoſt Pleaſure: In your Favour I know my Happineſs to " depend, and to that I conſtantly look, and pray for the Increaſe of your Power and Riches. You " muſt well know, that I hold no Connection with any one but yourſelf, and that I conſider the " Succeſs of my Affairs as entirely dependent on your Kindneſs. The gracious Orders you were " pleaſed to ſend me, to tranſact all my Affairs through the Reſident at Lucknow, I regard as a " ſtriking Inſtance of your Friendſhip; and by the Bleſſing of God, I ſhall invariably conduct " myſelf agreeably thereto; and I am hopeful, that ſhould other Gentlemen, in conſequence of my " not ſuffering them to meddle with my Affairs, be diſpleaſed, and write you any Thing to my Pre- " judice, you will regard it as proceeding ſolely from Diſappointment of their ſelfiſh Views.

" Regarding me as ſubmiſſive on all Occaſions to your Pleaſure, and firmly attached to you, I " hope for the Continuance of your Favour. For further Particulars, I beg Leave to refer you to " my Vackeel, Roy Bucktawa Sing."

Your Committee having examined the Bengal Secret Conſultations of the 30th of October 1780, find therein, a Copy of a Letter from Brigadier General Stibbert to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, dated Fort William, 28th October 1780; in which is the following Paſſage:

" I preſume, that on a Peruſal of the Major's Letter, the Neceſſity of preſſing both the Vizier and " Fyzoolah Khan to contribute effectually to the Protection of the Rohilcund, will not fail to appear " to the Board."

The Letter mentioned as above, appears, by the above Conſultations, to have been from Major Briſco to Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, dated Daranagur, October 1ſt 1780; an Extract of which is as follows:

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" On my being appointed and taking the Command at Daranagur, I was not honoured with any " Inſtructions from you, regarding the Nabob at Rampona. Fyzoolah Khan's Troops, I have only " 500 of his Horſe; and the Nabob in his Agreement with Government, is obliged to keep up " 5,000 Troops, for aſſiſting in the Defence of Rohilcund. A few Months ago, Three Battalions

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" were ſtationed here with Colonel Muir, beſides a Body of the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan's Cavalry ; " and they were well employed, and had enough to do in protecting the Country from Invaſion. " The Command is greatly reduced, One Battalion taken away, and Fyzoolah Khan has not afforded " more than 500 Men ſince I have been here, which is a great deal too ſmall a Force from him, as " I acquainted you in my former Letters, Two Battalions was too ſmall a Command to defend " Rohilcund from Invaſion. I want a large Detachment from the Nabob.

" I underſtood you intended ordering the Nabob to furniſh 1,500 Men when you recalled the " Battalion ; and it is abſolutely neceſſary that he ſhould, as they are very much wanted on the " Frontier Stations, where I have my Detachment.

" I hope to be honoured with your Directions relative to Fyzoolah Khan's Troops, as ſoon as con- " venient ; I wait the Honour of your Inſtructions."

On the 2d Day of November 1780, the Governor General and Council, in their Secret Department, agreed, " That the Governor General be requeſted to write to the Nabob Vizier, recommend- " ing to him to require from Fyzoolah Khan the Quota of Troops ſtipulated by Treaty to be " furniſhed by the latter for his Service, being *Five thouſand Horſe*, to be put under the immediate " Command of Lieutenant Colonel Muir, commanding at Futty Ghur."

In conſequence of which, the Governor General, on the ſame Day, writes to the Nabob Vizier, deſiring him to require from Fyzoolah Khan the Quota of Troops ſtipulated by Treaty to be furniſhed by the latter for his Service, being *Five thouſand Horſe*, to be put under the immediate Command of Lieutenant Colonel Muir, commanding the Detachment at Futty Ghur.

The Governor General and Council, in their Secret Letter to the Court of Directors, of the 29th of November 1780, Paragraph 36, thus ſay ;

" We have alſo ſtrongly recommended to the Nabob Vizier to require from Fyzoolah Khan the " Quota of Troops conſiſting of *Five thouſand Horſe*, ſtipulated by Treaty to be furniſhed by the " latter ; and we do not doubt of his ready Obedience to the Requiſition."

The Nabob Vizier having received the Governor General's Letter, he wrote to Fyzoolah Khan accordingly, and received his Anſwer thereto ; which Letter and Anſwer, with other Papers, were ſent as Encloſures in Letters from the Nabob Vizier to the Governor General, and were read in the Secret Council the 15th of February 1781, and are as follows :

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Copy. Tranſlation of a Letter from the Nabob Vizier to the Governor General ; dated 21ſt January 1781.

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" I have been honoured by the Receipt of Two Letters from you, deſiring me to write to the " Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, to loſe no Time in ſending to Colonel Muir, the Commanding Officer at " Futty Ghur, *Five thouſand Horſe*, agreeable to his Engagement with me. As I am from my Heart at- " tached to the Engliſh Company, to you, and to the Gentlemen of the Council, therefore, knowing " this Matter to be neceſſary, I wrote to Fyzoolah Khan, directing him to ſend the *Five thouſand* " *Horſe* to Colonel Muir. A Copy of that Letter I now encloſe for your Information, and Copies " likewiſe of all the Engagements entered into by the late Nabob, and by me, with Fyzoolah Khan " (although you moſt likely have got Copies ;) from thoſe you will learn all the Particulars of his " Engagement. I, who am from my Heart attached to the Company, and to you, am ready in all " Times of Need ; and it is neceſſary that the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan ſhould ſend, without Delay, the " *Five thouſand Horſe*. Should he mention any Thing of the Tenor of the Treaty, the firſt Breach of " it has been committed by him, in keeping up more Men than allowed of by the Treaty : I have " accordingly ſent a Perſon to ſettle that Point alſo. In caſe he ſhould mention to me any Thing re- " ſpecting the Treaty, I will then reproach him with having kept up too many Troops, and will " oblige him to ſend the *Five thouſand Horſe* ; for if, when the Company's Affairs, on which my " Honour depends, require it, Fyzoolah Khan will not lend his Aſſiſtance, what Uſe is there to con- " tinue the Country to him ? I therefore write for the Information, that in caſe of any Delays on " the Part of Fyzoolah Khan, I will ſettle the Company's Matters with him."

Copy. Tranſlation of a Letter from the Nabob Vizier to the Nabob Fyzoolah ; ſent as an Encloſure in the above Letter.

" The ancient and firm Friendſhip ſubſiſting between me and the Company, and the Nabob " Amaud ul Dowlah, Governor General, Mr. Haſtings, Jolladut Jung, is well known to be on ſuch " intimate Terms, that I conſider all the Company's Concerns the ſame as my own ; between me " and you likewiſe there is a Friendſhip, with equal Connection and Similarity of Intereſt. At this " Time, that Aſſiſtance is required for the Company's Army, I have received a Letter from the " Nabob Governor, directing me to call upon you for Five thouſand Horſe, to be ſtationed with " Colonel Muir, who commands the Engliſh Troops at Futty Ghur, and to be employed for the

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" Company's Service as he ſhall think proper. I therefore write, that you, without Delay, ſend *Five thouſand Horſe* to Colonel Muir, that they may act for the Company as he ſhall direct; this will give Increaſe to our Friendſhip, and Satisfaction to the Nabob Governor. I am from my Heart ready to exert myſelf for the Company's Intereſts, and it is neceſſary that you likewiſe unite yourſelf to them. Let there be no Delay in this, but ſend the *Five thouſand Horſe* to Colonel Muir with all Expedition."

Copy. Tranſlation of a Letter from the Nabob Vizier to the Governor General.

" I encloſe the Original of the Anſwer which Fyzoolah Khan has ſent to the Letter which, agreeable to the Orders, I wrote to him, requiring *Five thouſand Horſe* to be ſent to Colonel Muir. My Connection in all the Company's Intereſts, and my Reſolution to remain connected, has been often made known to you; that to the Riſk of my Life and Poſſeſſions will exert myſelf for their Intereſts; will now write to the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, *and make him act as you ſhall order me.* From the Diſtance between us, a long Time is loſt in ſending Letters and receiving the Anſwers, but I hope the Anſwers to my Letters on Points of this Importance will be ſent with all Expedition, and that I may be informed of all your Sentiments on theſe Matters, that I may execute them accordingly."

Copy. Tranſlation of a Letter from Fyzoolah Khan to the Nabob Vizier.

" I have been honoured by the Receipt of your gracious Letter, and underſtood the Contents. You mention, that between your Highneſs and the Company, and the Nabob Governor Mr. Haſtings, and the Gentlemen of Council, there is no Diſtinction, but all the Affairs and Concerns on both Sides, which may occur, are the ſame; and that you are ſo favourably and amicably inclined towards me, that the Intereſts of your Highneſs's Circar and mine are the ſame; that at this Time, when the victorious Army of the Company is engaged on all Sides, it is incumbent on me to furniſh Aſſiſtance, and that on this Subject you have likewiſe received a Letter from the Nabob Governor, directing you to write to me about the ſending a Body of Horſe to join Colonel Muir, who commands the Engliſh Troops at Futty Ghur, and about the ordering them to employ themſelves in the Company's Service, according to the Colonel's Orders: The Contents of this convinced me of your Favour and Affection for me; in Return for which, may the Almighty grant you his Protection. The Caſe is this, that in the whole World I have no Connection with any Power, except your Highneſs's Houſe and the Nabob Governor, and conſider my whole Advantage and Happineſs in giving Satisfaction to your Family, and to the Honourable Engliſh Gentlemen; and in conſequence of that, I am at all Times ready to perform your requiſite Services.

" It is well known, that *Five thouſand Men* have been allowed me, and the Aſſignments made for their Expences, ſince the Time of the Treaty of Loll-Dong; theſe conſiſt of *Two thouſand Horſe* and *Three thouſand Foot*, which, in conſequence of our intimate Connection, are equally yours and the Company's. Of theſe Two thouſand Horſe in my Service, One thouſand are ſtationed at Duranagur, under Major Briſcoe, and are employed Day and Night according to his Orders; the remaining Thouſand Horſe in my Service are with me. Should the Thouſand Horſe at Duranagur not be wanted there, then the whole Thouſand ſhall be ſent to Colonel Muir at Futty Ghur; or in the other Caſe, the remaining One thouſand, which are with me, ſhall be ſent to Futty Ghur whenever you require it, that they may there, under the Orders of Colonel Muir, perform the Duties of Bravery in the Service of the Company. The Three thouſand Foot are for the Management of the Concerns of my Jaghire, and without them the Collections can never be made in Time; accordingly, very lately, in the Mahals of your Highneſs's Circar, Caſhypore, Roderpore, and the other Hill People, and Rebels of the Atreery and Bhokſa Caſts, who reſide under the Protection of the impenetrable Junghill on the Hills, began Hoſtilities, and I, at the Deſire of your Highneſs's Naib, on Account of our Intimacy, ſent immediately a Body of Foot, and ſettled the Affairs of theſe Mahals; doubtleſs you will have heard of this, ſo that there was no Neceſſity for my mentioning it. In ſhort, that I am obedient to the Orders of your Highneſs, and of the Nabob Governor, and the Honourable Gentlemen of Council, and ſhall not vary a Hand's Breadth from them; but conſider my Honour, Reputation, Security, and Advantage, to conſiſt in performing them implicitly. I am hopeful that, conſidering me as a faithful Subject, you will honour me with frequent Letters. Further Particulars you will learn from Alif Khan, my Vackeel at your Preſence."

After which the Governor General, in his Minute entered in the above Conſultation, ſays,

" It appearing from the above, that the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan *has evaded the Performance of his Part of the Treaty between the late Nabob Sujah ul Dowlah and him, to which the Honourable Company were Guarantees, and upon which he was lately ſummoned to furniſh the ſtipulated Number of Troops which he is obliged to furniſh on the Condition by which he holds the Jaghire granted to him.*"

Upon which the Governor General moved, "That a Deputation be immedintely recommended to "be ſent to him from the Nabob Vizier, accompanied by an Agent from Mr. Middleton in Behalf "of this Government as Guarantees, and that, in the Preſence of proper Witneſſes, they do unitedly "inſiſt upon the following Clauſe:

"That he ſhall conſider the Vizier's Friends as his Friends, and all his Enemies as his own; that "with whomſoever the Vizier ſhall declare War, Fyzoolah Khan ſhall join with his Army Two or "Three thouſand Men, to the utmoſt of his Ability; and that if the Vizier marches againſt any "Enemy in Perſon, he ſhall then bring his whole Army to join him; and if he is unable to join him, "becauſe the Number of 5,000 Men, to which his Standing Army is limited, are too few, in ſuch Caſe "he ſhall have Leave to raiſe 4,000 more, that he may then join him with a ſufficient Force, and "theſe Expences ſhall be defrayed."

"*Demand immediate Delivery of* 3,000 *Cavalry, and if he ſhould evade or refuſe Compliance, that the* "*Deputies ſhall deliver him a formal Proteſt againſt him, for Breach of Treaty*; and return, making "their Report to the Vizier, which Mr. Middleton is to tranſmit to the Board.

"In the Caſe of Compliance of Fyzoolah Khan, by the Delivery of the Horſe required, Mr. Mid-"dleton ſhould be directed to eſtabliſh ſome Mode of ſecuring a Fund for the regular Payment of "them, that they may not, from want of Pay, become troubleſome inſtead of uſeful, or the Company "run the Riſk of being involved by the Neceſſity of making Advances to them."

Which Motion of the Governor General's was ordered accordingly; and Inſtructions were ſent to Mr. Middleton, the Reſident at the Vizier's Court, to the Effect abovementioned; and the Governor General and Council, in their Secret Letter to the Court of Directors, of the 27th of April 1781, adviſe them of their Proceedings reſpecting Fyzoolah Khan, in the ſame Terms as are expreſſed in the Inſtructions to Mr. Middleton.

And Your Committee having peruſed the Bengal Secret Conſultations of the 4th of June 1781, find therein Two Letters from Mr. Nathaniel Middleton to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, dated at Lucknow, the 13th of April and the 5th of May 1781, with ſeveral Encloſures; and as the above Letters, with the Encloſures, contain a full Account of the Miſſion to Fyzoolah Khan, in conſequence of the above Inſtructions, Your Committee thought they could not better explain that Tranſaction, than by inſerting the ſame in this Place.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Middleton to the Governor General and Council of Bengal; dated Lucknow, 13th April 1781.

"Having, agreeably to your Inſtructions, propoſed to the Vizier, that a Deputation ſhould be "ſent to the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, to demand the ſtipulated Number of Troops which he is en-"gaged by Treaty to furniſh at his Excellency's Summons, but which, on a former Application, he "had evaded complying with; and informed the Nabob, that I ſhould appoint Mr. Richard John-"ſon, my Head Aſſiſtant, to accompany the Agent he might ſelect for the Execution of this Commiſ-"ſion, in Behalf of the Engliſh Government, as Guarantees to the Treaty ſubſiſting between him "and Fyzoolah Khan; his Excellency thought proper to give his Nomination alſo to Mr. Johnſon; "who accordingly left Lucknow the 26th ultimo, with a Copy of the Inſtructions I was honoured "with from the Board for his Guidance.

"I have the Honour to lay before you, a Copy of the Vizier's and my Letters to Mr. Johnſon "and the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, on the above Subject; and I ſhall not fail to communicate to your "Honourable Board the earlieſt Information of the Reſult of this Miſſion, that you may adopt ſuch "further Meaſures as you may deem expedient."

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Middleton to the Governor General and Council of Bengal; dated the 5th of May 1781.

"In my Addreſs of the 13th April, I did myſelf the Honour to inform you, that in Obedience "to your Orders of the 15th February, I had deputed Mr. Richard Johnſon, my Head Aſſiſtant, to "Rampore, the Capital of Fyzoolah Khan, and that the Vizier had likewiſe appointed that Gen-"tleman on his Behalf.

"I have now the Honour of laying before you, Copies of the Letters written to me by Mr. "Johnſon during this Miſſion, with a compleat Account of his Proceedings, ending with the Proteſt "which he found himſelf obliged to make upon the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan's Refuſal to grant the "*Three thouſand Cavalry* demanded by the Vizier.

"The Nabob Vizier has on his Behalf written to the Governor General on this Subject; upon "which there remains nothing for me to add, having, as I truſt, executed the Commands I was "honoured with. It now reſts with the Board to take ſuch Meaſures as they may deem fit, to bring "the Matter to a Concluſion."

The following Letters were ſent as Encloſures in the above Letter of the 5th May 1781.

Copy of a Letter from the Nabob Vizier to the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan; dated the 18th Rubbee Ulawul 1195.

" Reſpecting the Demand of Troops for the Company's Service, which was before made from " you, you wrote, that you would ſupply Two thouſand Horſe; the Anſwer to this, with all the " Negociations neceſſary for the ſettling this Point, which will be made known to you by Mr. " Johnſon, who is going to you on the Part of the Governor and Council, of me, and Mr. Mid- " dleton. It is incumbent on your Friendſhip to grant whatever Mr. Johnſon ſhall aſk for the Ser- " vice of the Company, and to give him Satisfaction."

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Middleton to the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan; dated 30th Rubbee Ulawul.

" Before this, a Letter was written to you by his Excellency the Nabob Vizier, agreeable to the " Directions of the Governor General, reſpecting *Five thouſand Horſe* (Toock Sawars) for the Com- " pany's Service; in Anſwer to that, you mention Two thouſand Horſe (Sawars) which appears to " his Highneſs the Governor General to be contrary to the Terms of the Treaty, and to be an " Evaſion on your Part: The Governor General and Gentlemen of the Council have therefore, after " mature Conſideration, been pleaſed to order, that a Perſon of Truſt be ſent from hence to you, to " explain and adjuſt this Breach of Treaty; accordingly Mr. Richard Johnſon has been deputed to " you on the Part of his Excellency and on mine; he will acquaint you with all Particulars, and " will receive your Anſwer."

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Johnſon to Mr. Middleton; dated Rampore 1ſt April 1781.

" I have now the Honour to inform you of my ſafe Arrival here: I have been received with every " becoming Attention, from which, arguing upon the Opinion I have imbibed from the Informations " I gathered at Berelly, I am unwilling to draw any favourable or flattering Inferences relatively to " the Object of my Miſſion; however, without preſaging, as the Event is ſo near, I ſhall content " myſelf with informing you, that having received the Viſit of Ceremony this Morning, To-morrow " Evening is fixed upon for returning it, when I ſhall deliver my Credentials, and appoint a Time for " the further Diſcuſſion of what I have to ſay; in the mean Time I beg Leave to trouble you with " Information of ſuch Circumſtances as have come to my Knowledge by being upon the Spot, and " are relative to the preſent Buſineſs.

" *The Jaghire itſelf is, what the Whole of Rohilcund was, under the Government of the Rohillas, a* " *Garden without an uncultivated Spot*; and at the Time that it was aſſigned, under certain Stipula- " tions, to Fyzoolah Khan, as an Income of 14,75,000 Berelly Rupees, it yielded a Revenue of " between Twenty and Thirty Lacks, but as he himſelf was the Chooſer, ſo he was the Appraiſer; " none of the Vizier's or our People at that Time knowing, or having had Opportunity to know, any " Thing of the Value in Detail of the Rohilla Lands; ſo that this Chief, from receiving and " collecting about Three Lacks under his Countrymen, was raiſed to Ten Times his then Condition, " Power, and Wealth, by being defeated by the Engliſh. However, that Piece of Luck is out of the " queſtion, while the Fraud of the miſtated and concealed Value of the Jaghire is more deſerving " of Notice; and ſo far did the Artifice and Cunning of Fyzoolah Khan carry him, that, to hide the " Overplus, he complained that his Jaghire did not yield the Amount for which it was granted; " and in Conſideration of this Complaint, received an Order upon the Aumil of Rohilcund, for an " annual Payment of Four thouſand Rupees: Not even ſatisfied with this, he again complained, that " he had not ſufficient Influence with the Aumil to obtain regular Payment, and therefore requeſted " to have Lands granted him for the Amount; which being alſo acquieſced in, he found Means to " get Lands for double the Sum. The Aumil, at this Moment, receives Credit, or a Deduction " from the Circar for 4,000 Rupees, whilſt he gives the Farmer of the Pergunnah from which " theſe Lands are ſevered, Deduction for 8,000 Rupees; and what is more remarkable is, that " the Allowance for a *Deficiency* is continued while a public Treaty exiſts, giving up the Surplus " Revenues of the Jaghire to Fyzoolah Khan. And here it may be proper to explain, that the Treaty " for giving him up the Exceſs of the Collections above the ſtipulated Revenues, granted to " Fyzoolah Khan, is under the Name of Towfier, which means, an Increaſe of Revenue by Increaſe " of Cultivation ſince the original Grant—the very Reverſe of the Fact with regard to Rampore, as " Fyzoolah Khan's Exceſs of Revenue lays in a fraudulent Valuation at the Time of the Grant; that " Treaty is therefore of itſelf null.

" Nor is the orignal Treaty to which the Engliſh are Guarantees leſs treſpaſſed upon; one moſt " pointed Part being, that no *one* Man more than 5,000 Rohillas ſhall be allowed to remain " on this Side of the Ganges; whereas, at this Moment there are not leſs than 20,000 Rohilla " Soldiers in the Diſtrict of Rampore alone, to ſay nothing of the immenſe Numbers in Pellubear;

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" Clentah, Amoah, &c. which latter it is not ſo much in Fyzoolah Khan's Power to prevent. Upon " this Clauſe the Grant runs, and is of courſe forfeited.

" I have thought it incumbent upon me to furniſh you and his Excellency the Vizier with this " Information, authenticated from the Spot, that the Parties may know the reſpective Ground they " ſtand upon.

" I ſhall do myſelf the Honour of addreſſing you again after my next Meeting.

" P. S. I may add to the above Information, a Remark, that could not fail ſtriking me the Mo- " ment I entered this Country, that it will be but a ſmall Loſs indeed ſhould the Nabob continue " to refuſe the Cavalry demanded of him; for in the Courſe of my Life, I have never ſeen or " heard of any Thing leſs like a Trooper or a Soldier, than is ſo called Cavalry or Infantry."

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Johnſon to Mr. Middleton.

" I had Yeſterday the Meeting mentioned in my laſt Addreſs to you, when I delivered my Cre- " dentials from you and his Excellency the Vizier; and this Morning was appointed for the Ex- " planation of what I further had to ſay. The Nabob Fyzoolah Khan came to my Tents; our Con- " verſation, to my no ſmall Aſtoniſhment, was ſhort to a Degree, for I had no ſooner ſtated the " Claim for 3,000 *Cavalry*, to which I was to require his Anſwer, than he gave me a flat Refuſal, " which he told me he meant to abide by; and having repeated my Queſtion, offering him Time to " conſider upon his Reply, as I was in no Hurry, he declined the tendered Delay, repeating his abſo- " lute Refuſal.

" I therefore had no Option; but, in Compliance with the Orders of the Board, received through " you, I drew and delivered him my Proteſt, witneſſed by Major Balfour, who came with me from " Berelly for that Purpoſe, and by Mir Mahomed Huſſein, who wrote the Paper, an authentic " Copy of which, in the Hand Writing of the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan's own Moonſhee, I have " the Honour herewith to tranſmit to you, together with a Memorandum of a palliative Offer " made by the Nabob, as he ſaid conformably with the Treaty, which I put down at his particular " Deſire, but otherwiſe uſeleſs, as my Orders were not to receive any Palliation, but a Negative or " Affirmative.

" Having nothing further to do here, I ſhall proceed To-morrow Morning with the utmoſt Diſ- " patch for Lucknow."

A Copy of the Tranſlation of the Proteſt mentioned in the above Letter.

" Having, agreeably to the Orders of the Honourable Governor General and Council, under " Date the 15th February 1781, and the conſequent Commiſſion of the Nabob Vizier, and Na- " thaniel Middleton, Eſquire, demanded from the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan to deliver to the Engliſh, " in Conformity to the Treaty and Treaties preceding this Date, by which he holds his Jaghire, " a Body of *Three thouſand Cavalry*, to be employed whenever the Exigencies of the Service may " require; and alſo, conformably to the above-mentioned Orders, having further demanded Aſſets " for the Payment of ſuch Troops;

" The Nabob Fyzoolah Khan, in Reply, agreed, that he would, in Compliance with the Demand, " and in Conformity to the Treaty, which ſpecified no definite Number of Cavalry or Infantry, " only expreſſing Troops, furniſh 3,000 Men; viz. he would, in Addition to the 1,000 Cavalry " already granted, give 1,000 more when and whereſoever required, and 1,000 Foot—That with " regard to Pay, he would give the Whole 3,000 One Year's Pay in Advance, and if the Exigences " of the War ſhould require their Abſence for a longer Time, he would furniſh Mr. Middleton, or " whomſoever may be properly authorized to receive it at Lucknow, further Funds for the Con- " tinuance of the Pay of the ſaid 3,000 Men, as long as the Duration of the War might re- " quire it."

Copy. Tranſlation of a Letter from the Nabob Vizier to Mr. Haſtings.

" I once before had the Honour to addreſs you upon the Subject of Fyzoolah Khan, ſtating the " Injury and Irregularity in the Management of the Provinces bordering upon Rampore, ariſing " from that Chief having the uncontrolled Dominion of that Diſtrict. I alſo before repreſented " to you, his Refuſal of your Firſt Demand, through me, for Cavalry; and I learn, by Letters from " Mr. Johnſon, whom I lately deputed, in conſequence of your and the Board's Deſire, to authenti- " cate the Anſwer from Fyzoolah Khan, that he has again repeated that Refuſal, in direct Breach of " the Treaty: It would therefore now ſeem no more than juſt, intirely to reſume the Grant, and " leave the Nabob Fyzoolah Khan to join his other faithleſs Brethren that were ſent acroſs the " Ganges; but knowing the great Lenity and Delicacy with which you treat even thoſe who offend " you, and willing that a Treaty to which the Engliſh are Guarantees, ſhould, even when broken, " bear Marks of the honoured Stamp it has once received; I propoſe to ſtop the Evil firſt above

" alluded to, that the Lands be reſumed, and the Amount ſtipulated in the original Treaty be, " through the Mediation of the Engliſh, continued in ready Money Payment from the Treaſury, " under the Deductions alſo ſtipulated in the Treaty for the furniſhing a Body of Troops from " Three to Five thouſand, which, at the Rate of their own eſtabliſhed Pay, I ſhall be very happy " to ſee transferred to the Engliſh, to aſſiſt further in defraying the Charges of the preſent War; " and I may ſafely preſume, that the Money will be of much more Uſe than ſuch Troops, by " what I have ſeen of them myſelf—an Opinion now ſtrongly confirmed in Mr. Johnſon's Letter.

" A Treaty broken in One Inſtance need not require proving a Second to render it null, or I " might inform you, that the fundamental Clauſe upon which the Grant turns, which is, that not " One Rohilla above 5,000 ſhall be permitted to remain on this Side the Ganges, has conſtantly " been from the Firſt, and continues to the preſent Moment, infringed in the extremeſt Degree, by " the Multitude of that Caſt now in Rampore and Rohilcund.

" I truſt you will alſo think, that whatever Fyzoolah Khan's private Feelings, as a Man ever " fond of being veſted with Power, may ſuggeſt, that in fact changing his Jaghire for a Penſion, " received through the Medium of the Engliſh, muſt, in Reaſon and Fact, be an Advantage to " him in point of Money, as it is cleared of the Deduction of Charges of Collections, which he " muſt now incur by holding Lands as the Medium and Mode of receiving his ſtipulated " 14,75,000 Rupees; and as for any Surplus Money he may collect above that Amount, he never " can legally hold forth his Right to it, for the Treaty granting him Towfier will in no Shape " ſupport it, as it is proved to Demonſtration, that his Exceſs of Collections, inſtead of ariſing from " an increaſed Cultivation, is in fact a Fraud in the Firſt Valuation.

" Upon the Whole, I flatter myſelf with your Conſent to a Meaſure by which my Government " will be eaſed of an immediate Evil, relieved of a Cauſe of conſtant Apprehenſion in the Event " of an internal Commotion or Invaſion, at the ſame Time preſerving the Engliſh Honour as " Guarantees, and alſo yielding an Advantage to the Company in aſſiſting in the Charges of the " War."

In the above Conſultation, the Governor General and Council, after reading the laſt-mentioned Letters and Incloſures, agree (without any Debate) " That a final Reſolution on the Subject of the " above Letter, and the Papers accompanying it, be ſuſpended to another Occaſion."

And Your Committee further find, That within a few Weeks after this Reſolution had paſſed the Council, the Governor General proceeded up the Country, where he ſtaid ſome Time; during which, on the 19th of September 1781, he entered into an Agreement, on Behalf of himſelf and Council, with the Nabob Aſoph ul Dowlah; the Third Article of which, as it relates to the before-mentioned Tranſaction, Your Committee think neceſſary to inſert, with the Governor General's Remarks on it.

Copy of the Third Article agreed to by the Governor General, on Behalf of himſelf and Council, at the Repreſentation of the Nabob Aſoph ul Dowlah, on the 19th Day of September 1781, with the Governor General's Remarks on it.

Article 3d.	Governor General's Remarks.
That as Fyzoolah Khan has, by his Breach of Treaty, forfeited the Protection of the Engliſh Government, and cauſes, by his Continuance in his preſent independent State, great Alarm and Detriment to the Nabob, he be permitted, when Time ſhall ſuit, to reſume his Lands, and pay him in Money, through the Reſident, the Amount ſtipulated by Treaty, after deducting the Amount and Charges of the Troops he ſtands engaged to furniſh by Treaty, which Amount ſhall be paſſed to the Account of the Company during the Continuance of the preſent War.	The Conduct of Fyzoolah Khan, in refuſing the Aid demanded, though not an abſolute Breach of Treaty, was evaſive and uncandid; the Demand was made for *Five thouſand Cavalry*, the Engagement in the Treaty is literally for *Five thouſand Horſe and Foot*; Fyzoolah Khan could not be ignorant that we had no Occaſion for any Succours of Infantry from him, and that Cavalry could be of the moſt eſſential Service. So ſcrupulous an Attention to literal Expreſſion, when a more liberal Interpretation would have been highly uſeful and acceptable to us, ſtrongly marks his unfriendly Diſpoſition, though it may not impeach his Fidelity, and leaves him little Claim to any Exertions from us for the Continuance of his Jaghires. But I am of Opinion, that neither the Vizier's nor the Company's Intereſts would be promoted by depriving Fyzoolah Khan of his Independency, and I have therefore reſerved the Execution of this Agreement to an indefinite Term, and our Government may always interpoſe to prevent any ill Effects from it.

And in order to ſhew to the Houſe in what Light the Court of Directors conſidered the Proceedings reſpecting Fyzoolah Khan, Your Committee think it neceſſary to add the 62d, 63d, and 64th Paragraphs of the Company's General Letter to Bengal, of the 12th of July 1782.

" Par. 62.—From the Appearance in the Correſpondence on your Secret Conſultations of 14 " June 1781, between Mr. Middleton, our Reſident at Oude, and Mr. Johnſon, who was ſent to " Fyzoolah Khan, a Rohilla Chief, to require from him the Quota of Troops with which by Treaty " he was bound to furniſh the Vizier, we cannot but be under ſome Apprehenſions for the Event.

" Par. 63.—It is exceedingly proper that your Government ſhould ſee that Fyzoolah Khan fulfils " his Engagement with the Vizier, according to the Treaty guaranteed by the Company; but we " wiſh rather to be conſidered as the Guardians of the Honour and Proſperity of the Native Powers " of India with whom we are in any Degree connected, than as the Inſtruments of Oppreſſion; we " hope and truſt therefore, that no hoſtile Steps have been taken againſt the Rohilla Chief.

" Par. 64. —To procure and maintain the Peace of India—to quiet the Fears of the neighbouring Powers, who from the Conduct of our Servants have had too much Reaſon to be jealous of " our Encroachments—to adhere ſtrictly to Treaties, and never to be the Aggreſſors—to ſecure to " the Natives under the immediate Government of the Country, the undiſturbed Exerciſe of their " Religion and Cuſtoms, and to encourage Cultivation, Manufactures, and Commerce—are the " Means by which we hope to regain the Confidence of the Native Princes and the Attachment of " the People; by ſuch Means, and by ſuch alone, we may hope to ſee our Affairs once more flouriſh, and Permanency again given to the Company's Poſſeſſions in the Eaſt Indies."

And Your Committee find, That the Court of Directors did reſume the Conſideration of this Subject in February 1783. They have inveſtigated it with a Degree of Accuracy and Preciſion, not uſually to be found in the Courſe of their Proceedings; and they have agreed to Reſolutions, highly proper for the Court of Directors to adopt upon a Point of ſo much Importance as the due Obſervance of a public Treaty. Your Committee will here ſtate them at large, as follows:

Extract of the Company's General Letter to Bengal, dated the 14th February 1783.

* Of the Treaty with the Vizier.

" With reſpect to the Third Article *, regarding Fyzoola Khan, the Rohilla Chief; before " we could form an Opinion upon it, we were led to an Examination of ſuch Parts of your Records " as in anywiſe related to him.

" We found, that at the Concluſion of the Rohilla War in 1774, a Treaty was made between the " late Sujah Dowlah and Fyzoola Khan; whereby the latter, on certain Conditions, was put into the " Poſſeſſion of Rampore, and ſome other Diſtricts in the Rohilla Country. Though it does not appear, " upon the Face of the Treaty, what Equivalent was made to the Vizier; yet we find, by a Letter " from Colonel Champion, entered on your Conſultations of the 31ſt October 1774, that Fyzoola " Khan was to give the Vizier Half his Treaſure.

" On the 9th March 1778, a conſiderable Time after the Death of Sujah Dowlah, you were " informed, by the Reſident at the Vizier's Court, that there were Reports of hoſtile Intentions " in Fyzoola Khan. The Reſident added, That the Rohilla Chief might be juſtly alarmed by the " Nabob's Reſumption of a Number of Jaghires granted by his Father, and by his oppreſſive Conduct in general. You were likewiſe informed, that Fyzoola Khan was ſolicitous to obtain the " Guarantee of the Company to his Engagements with the Vizier; and the profeſſed Motives of the " Reſident, for ſending a Deputation to Fyzoola Khan, were, " That in caſe of the latter's acquitting himſelf, it would give him a Confidence in the Company, which might induce him to look up " to that Influence as the ſureſt Defence againſt any Invaſion of his Right, and thereby render him a " faithful and perhaps a uſeful Ally upon ſome future Emergency." On a Motion of the Governor " General, the Reſident was authorized to offer the Company's Guarantee for the Obſervance of the " Treaty; the Governor General at the ſame Time obſerving, that the many Letters which he had " received from Fyzoola Khan, at various Times, proved the Neceſſity of ſuch an Intervention.

" On the 4th May following the Reſident acquainted the Board, that Fyzoola Khan appeared in " no Reſpect to have violated the Treaty; tranſmitting at the ſame Time a new Treaty under the " Guarantee of the Company.

" We find, that Fyzoola Khan declared to the Perſon who negociated this Matter with him on " the Part of the Company, " That without the Guarantee of the Company, he could not look " upon himſelf ſecure in his preſent Poſſeſſions; that the Company were the only Power in which " he had Confidence, and which he could look up to for Protection." There never was perhaps a " Treaty concluded with more Solemnity. According to the Report of Mr. Daniel Barwell, entered " on your Conſultations the 21ſt May 1781, it was ſigned in the Preſence of the greater Part of " his Subjects, in order to eſtabliſh a firm Conviction in their Minds, " That it was an Act fully " authorized by the Engliſh Government, which was now become bound to exact with Impartiality " a ſtrict Obſervance of each Article of the Treaty." This Buſineſs was finally ſettled, by the Governor General being deſired by the Board to write to Fyzoola Khan, confirming the Obligation " of the Company as Guarantees, and by your Acceptance of a Lack of Rupees, on Behalf of the " Company, as an Acknowledgment from Fyzoola Khan.

" In November 1780, upon receiving Information that the Seiks and Goodies were committing " Depredations in Rohilcund, we find that the Board agreed to apply to the Vizier, to require from " Fyzoola Khan his Quota of Troops: In conſequence of which, the Governor General wrote for " 5,000 Horſe.—But judge of our Surprize to find by the Treaty, that whenever the Vizier de- " clared War, Fyzoola Khan was to join with only 2 or 3,000 Men, unleſs the Vizier had marched " in Perſon! Where then was the Juſtice of this Demand? Fyzoola Khan replied, as appears by " your Conſultations 15th February 1781, that he would ſend 2,000 Horſe, which were all the " Cavalry in his Service; that the 3,000 Foot kept up by him were for the Management of the " Concerns of his Jaghire, and that without them the Collections could not be made.

" We cannot here avoid remarking, that at the very Time of your making this improper De- " mand, 500 of Fyzoola Khan's Troops had actually joined our Forces; though he was under no " Obligation to furniſh the Company with a ſingle Man, but had granted this Supply, merely to " ſhew his Attachment to the Engliſh.

" The beforegoing Anſwer from Fyzoola Khan, was immediately followed by a Minute of the Go- " vernor General, declaring, That he had evaded the Treaty; in conſequence of which, it was inſtantly " reſolved to ſend a Deputation, to inſiſt upon its being complied with, and to demand the imme- " diate Delivery, not of 5,000, but of 3,000 Horſe. To make ſo haſty and peremptory a Demand " for Three thouſand Horſe, after you had been poſitively aſſured that he had but 2,000 in his " Service, carries with it the Appearance of a Determination to create a Pretext for depriving him " of his Jaghire entirely, or to leave him at the Mercy of the Nabob; and all the ſubſequent Pro- " ceedings ſeem to confirm us in this Idea.

" Notwithſtanding it is ſtated, on Conſultation 4th June 1781, that a flat Refuſal was the verbal " Anſwer to this Deputation with reſpect to 3,000 Horſe, yet we find at the Conference, Fyzoola " Khan willing to agree, " That in Compliance with the Treaty, *which ſpecified no definitive Number* " *of Cavalry*, he would furniſh 2,000 Horſe and 1,000 Foot; that he would give them One Year's " Pay in Advance, and furniſh further Funds during the War." On the very Day you received an " Account of the Reſult of this Deputation, 4th June 1781, a Letter is read at your Board from " the Vizier, propoſing to reſume the Grant, " and leave the Nabob Fyzoola Khan to join his other " faithleſs Brethren that were ſent acroſs the Ganges," and in lieu thereof, to pay him the Amount " ſtipulated by Treaty, after deducting the Pay of 5,000 Troops;—and ſhortly after, the Governor " General proceeded up the Country.

" We do not find any further Mention of this Buſineſs, until we read the following Article of the " new Treaty with the Nabob of Oude, which was executed on the 19th September 1781; viz. " 3dly, " That as Fyzoola Khan has, by his Breach of Treaty, forfeited the Protection of the " Engliſh Government, and cauſes, by his Continuance in his preſent independent State, great " Alarm and Detriment to the Nabob, he be permitted, when Time ſhall ſuit, to reſume his Lands, " and pay him in Money, through the Reſident, the Amount ſtipulated by Treaty, after deducting " the Amount and Charges of the Troops he ſtands engaged to furniſh by Treaty; which Amount " ſhall be paſſed to the Account of the Company, during the Continuance of the preſent War."

" The beforegoing Article is expreſsly ſaid to be founded on a Breach of the Treaty by Fyzoola " Khan; and yet, in the Obſervation which the Governor General has made upon this Article, " he acknowledges that the Conduct of Fyzoola Khan was not an abſolute Breach of Treaty, " though evaſive and uncandid. We confeſs ourſelves of Opinion, that his Conduct was neither " evaſive nor uncandid. But admitting the Fact, Does it furniſh a juſtifiable Ground for breaking " through a moſt ſolemn Engagement? Was it a Time to ſeize ſlight Pretences for evading a " Treaty, when the moſt alarming Confederacies were formed againſt the Company?

" We fear, that by obſerving ſuch a Conduct as this, few of the Country Powers of India will " in future adopt the Sentiments of Fyzoola Khan, " in conſidering the Company as the only " Power in which they have Confidence, and to which they can look up for Protection."

" We do not only arraign the Juſtice of the Meaſure, but its Policy alſo:—And if we wanted an " Argument upon this Occaſion, the Governor General, in his Obſervation upon this Article of the " Treaty, has furniſhed us with an unanſwerable one: " I am of Opinion," ſays he, " that neither the " Vizier's nor the Company's Intereſt would be promoted by depriving Fyzoola Khan of his In- " dependency, and I have therefore reſerved the Execution of this Agreement to an indefinite Term; " and our Government may always interfere to prevent any ill Effects from it." We have thus " agreed to commit an Act of Injuſtice, by which neither the Vizier's nor the Company's Intereſt " will be promoted; and yet, if we do not ſuffer this Injuſtice to take place, we ſhall be guilty of a " Breach of Treaty with the Vizier.—It is not by ſuch a Policy as this that we can ever hope to " break the Confederacies, and regain the Confidence of the ſeveral Powers of India.

" In our Letter of the 12th of July laſt, we expreſſed our Apprehenſions for the Event of the De- " putation ſent to Fyzoola Khan; and we are ſorry to find that thoſe Apprehenſions were too well " founded. Fyzoola Khan had Reaſon to expect other Treatment at the Hands of the Governor " General; for did he not, at the breaking out of the War with France, to ſhew his Attachment to " the Company, make a voluntary Offer to maintain 2,000 Cavalry for our Service? The Reſident " at the Vizier's Court writes, under the 5th December 1778, that he found ſuch a Promptneſs in " Fyzoola Khan to render the Company any Aſſiſtance within the Bounds of his Finances and " Ability, as even ſurpaſſed his own Expectations: And did you not reſolve, in Conſultations 28th " of the ſame Month, " That the Thanks of your Board be returned to him, for this Mark of his " faithful

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" faithful Attachment to the Company?" In the Governor General's Letter to Fyzoola Khan upon " this Occaſion, are the following Words; " In my own Name and that of the Board, I return you " our warmeſt Thanks for this Inſtance of your faithful Attachment to the Company." And you " yourſelves have acquainted us, in your Secret Letter of the 1ſt of February 1779, that on requeſt- " ing the Aid of Part of the offered Aſſiſtance, " he, without Heſitation or Delay, ſent 500 Men to " co-operate with our Forces."

" Thus, in March 1778 you pledge the Company's Faith for the Performance of the Treaty be- " tween Fyzoola Khan and the Vizier—In December following, the Thanks of your Board are given " to him for his Attachment to the Company, in ſending Troops to their Aſſiſtance on the breaking " out of the War with France—In November 1780, you make an unwarrantable Demand upon " him, which, it not being in his Power to comply with, furniſhes a Pretext for depriving him of his " Lands; and in September 1781, a Treaty is finally concluded, by which his Territory is wreſted " from him, and given to the Vizier.

" Fyzoola Khan's Merits with the Company on the one Hand, and the Governor General's Treat- " ment of him on the other, muſt be known to all the ſurrounding Powers; and if ſuch ſingular " Marks of Attention to the Company's Intereſt and Government are to be thus requited, we have " Reaſon to dread future Combinations againſt us, which may end in the utter Extirpation of the " Engliſh from Hindoſtan. It is only by a ſtrict Regard to Juſtice, Moderation, and good Faith, " that we can hope to maintain our preſent Footing in India.

" As we can no where diſcover that Fyzoola Khan has been guilty of a Breach of Treaty, and " thereby forfeited the Protection of the Company; and as the Governor General has informed us, that " he has reſerved the Execution of the Agreement contained in this Article to an indefinite Term, and " that our Government may always interfere, to prevent any ill Effects from it; and as Fyzoola " Khan appears to have had great Merit with the Company, in the particular Inſtances above referred " to, we direct that that Article be not carried into Execution, and that you obtain the Conſent of " the Vizier to Fyzoola Khan's continuing in the Poſſeſſion of his Jaghire unmoleſted."

APPENDIX.

N° I.

Extract of Bengal Secret Conſultations, of the 9th March 1778.

GOVERNOR GENERAL—I move, That the Board approve of the Deputation of Mr. Daniel Barwell; and that the Reſident be authorized to offer the Company's Guarantee for the Obſervance of the Treaty ſubſiſting between the Vizier and Fyzoolah Khan, provided it meets with the Vizier's Concurrence; but that if any Objection ſhould be made to it on the Part of the Nabob, he adviſe us thereof, and wait our further Orders for the Concluſion of this Negociation.

Mr. Francis—Mr. Barwell has an Appointment at Benares, and when he left Calcutta laſt, he aſſured me that he was going to that Place to remain there. I muſt deſire to be informed by what Authority he left his Station and went to Lucknow, as it does not appear that he had the Orders or the Permiſſion of the Board for that Purpoſe.

Governor General—I muſt beg Leave to anſwer this Queſtion. Mr. Barwell required no other Authority to quit his Station but the Permiſſion of his Principal, Mr. Thomas Graham.

Mr. Francis—I do not admit that Mr. Graham's Permiſſion is any Authority for Mr. Barwell to quit his Station, contrary to the Appointment of the Board; but if it were, I deſire to ſee at leaſt that Mr. Graham gave him ſuch Authority, and for what Reaſons. If the Circumſtance is mentioned in any Letter from Mr. Graham, it ought to be before the Board. I will not however take up any further Time in Enquiries which I am ſure are uſeleſs. The Court of Directors will of courſe make their own Obſervations upon the Fact; it is one of the groſſeſt that I have been Witneſs to, though I have ſeen many extraordinary Things ſince I ſat in this Place. Mr. D. Barwell quits his Station, and goes to Lucknow, without Leave; Mr. Middleton immediately diſcovers that Fyzoolah Khan is carrying on ſome Deſigns prejudicial to the Intereſt of the Nabob, and that the Nabob gives great Reaſon for ſuch Deſigns by his Treatment of his Subjects; at the ſame Time I believe that nothing is more notorious, than that the Nabob has no more Power in his Dominions than I have. To put a Stop to the Effects which the Jealouſies on both Sides may produce, a Treaty muſt be made, the Guarantee of the Company muſt be given, and Mr. D. Barwell finds himſelf very opportunely at Lucknow, ready to execute the Commiſſion. Theſe Facts, I apprehend, ſpeak for themſelves. With reſpect to the Approbation propoſed to be given to Mr. Middleton, I can by no Means conſent to it; becauſe, ſetting aſide all other Conſiderations, Mr. Middleton had no Right to employ Mr. Barwell in this Manner, without the previous Conſent of the Board.

Governor General—I ſhall forbear at this Time anſwering the Charges implied in the preceding Minute, againſt whomſoever they may be levelled. The Meaſure is a public one, the Objections are perſonal. The many Letters which I have received from Fyzoolah Khan, at various Times, will prove the Neceſſity of ſuch an Intervention, and to theſe I ſhall refer. I would propoſe to inſert Extracts of them in this Place, but I know not to what Length they might extend, as the Subject is of a very diſtant Origin, and has been frequently repeated.

Mr. Wheler—If a Deputation be judged neceſſary, it is a Matter of the greateſt Indifference to me, whether the Appointment falls to the Share of Mr. Barwell, or to any other Gentleman in the Service that ſhall appear equally qualified; but whether Mr. Barwell has quitted his Station without firſt obtaining Mr. Graham's Permiſſion, or whether it reſts with Mr. Graham to grant him that Permiſſion, are Points neceſſary to eſtabliſh for the Regularity of the Service. I ſhould ſuppoſe, if any Gentleman cannot quit his Station at this Preſidency without the Permiſſion of the Governor,

he cannot quit a more ſubordinate, without the Permiſſion of his Chief; therefore, when this Point is cleared up, I ſhall give my further Opinion as to Mr. Barwell's intended Appointment.

Mr. Barwell—In a political Queſtion, ſuch as the preſent, I am ſorry to ſee the Introduction of Perſonalities; the Argument muſt be weak that requires the Aid of Inſinuation to ſupport it. I ſhall not myſelf reply to Mr. Francis; the Public will judge how far the Appointment of Mr. D. Barwell is a Meaſure groſs in itſelf, and extravagant beyond all extravagant Acts in the Recollection of Mr. Francis. I am very glad, for my Part, that Mr. D. Barwell is engaged in a Line of Service, where his Knowledge of the Language may be of Service to the Public. I agree in the Governor General's Motion.

Mr. Francis—Mr. Barwell attributes Words to me which I have not made uſe of. With reſpect to the Charge of mixing Perſonalities in a Conſideration of a public Meaſure, I am not conſcious of it, and on that Point ſubmit to Judgment. It is not a perſonal Reflection, nor an Inſinuation, to ſay, that Mr. D. Barwell has quitted his Station without Leave. If the Meaſure of forming a Treaty with Fyzoolah Khan had been regularly introduced at this Board, and reſolved upon, perhaps I ſhould have had as little Objection to employing that Gentleman as any other. My Objection is plainly this, that all the Steps preparatory to the intended Treaty, are taken, that the Perſon intended to conduct it, is ſent up to Lucknow, and that he receives his Appointment there, without the previous Conſent or even Knowledge of the Board.

Mr. Barwell—I ſhould be ſorry to pervert, by my Interpretation, the declared Object of Oppoſition to any particular Meaſure; and as it ſhould ſeem, from the ſubſequent Explanation of Mr. Francis, that I am in ſome Degree miſtaken, I will endeavour to correct the Idea I had formed of his Objections.

The Governor General's Propoſition being reſolved in the Affirmative, the following is an Extract of a Letter written to Mr. Middleton:

"We approve your having deputed Mr. Daniel Barwell to Fyzoolah Khan, for the Purpoſes repreſented in your Letter of the 25th; and we authorize you to grant the Company's Guarantee to the Treaty ſubſiſting between the Nabob and him, provided it meets with the Nabob's Concurrence; but if any Objection ſhould be made to it on his Part, you will immediately adviſe us, and wait for our Orders on this Subject before you proceed any further in that Negociation."

APPENDIX, N° 2.

Extract of Bengal Secret Conſultations, the 4th May 1778.

READ the following Letters and Enclosure from the Reſident at the Nabob's Court:

Honourable Sir, and Sirs,

I have been duly honoured with your Commands of the 9th March; and have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that after being fully aſſured by Mr. Barwell of Fyzoola Cawn's neither keeping up any conſiderable Force, holding improper Correſpondence or Connections, or appearing in any Reſpect to have violated the Engagements he entered into in his Treaty with the late Nabob Sujah ul Dowlah; I communicated to the Vizier the Honourable Board's Permiſſion to me, to guarantee, on the Part of the Honourable Company, the Treaty ſubſiſting between him and Fyzoola Cawn, provided his Excellency ſhould give his Concurrence to that Permiſſion.

The Nabob having approved of the Purpoſes of Mr. Barwell's Miſſion, and being aſſured, from his Report, and other concurrent Circumſtances, that Fyzoola Cawn's Conduct furniſhed no Grounds of Accuſation by which he could be juſtified in an Infringement of the Rights confirmed to him by Treaty, readily, and without Heſitation, conſented to a Renewal of the Treaty under Guarantee of the Honourable Company, only ſignifying his Expectations that ſome complimentary Preſent, conformable to conſtant Cuſtom, and ſuitable to his Rank, ſhould be made him by Fyzoola Cawn on the Delivery of the Khelaut.—As I could not entertain a Doubt, from Fyzoola Cawn's Anxiety for the Completion of this Buſineſs, under the Sanction of the Honourable Board, but that he would of his own Accord be ready to ſhew the Vizier ſuch Marks of Gratitude and Reſpect as would manifeſt his due Conſideration of the great Obligation conferred on him, I preſumed to aſſure His Excellency he might certainly expect to receive on the Occaſion an Acknowledgment not diſparaging to his Rank and Dignity, nor betraying in Fyzoola Cawn a deficient Senſe of the Benefits he derived from an Alliance with His Excellency.—From what I was able to diſcover in my Converſation with the Vizier, I have Reaſon to believe he looks not to any Sum which could be conſidered as a pecuniary Acquiſition, but confines his Expectations merely to ſuch complimentary

Nuzzers as are uſually offered in Token of Reſpect by a ſubordinate to a ſuperior Power, on ſimilar Occaſions.—I have therefore taken upon me to deſire Mr. Barwell to repreſent this Matter in its proper Light to Fyzoola Cawn; and I have no Doubt but that Chief's Concurrence in whatever may be reaſonable and proper, will cloſe the Negociation in a Manner entirely ſatisfactory to the Vizier.

I have the Honour to encloſe for your Peruſal, Copies of the Vizier's Treaty with Fyzoola Cawn, and of the Obligation which I have entered into, in conſequence of the Authority you were pleaſed to delegate to me, on the Part of the Honourable Company; and for your more particular Information I muſt alſo beg Leave to trouble you with a complete Tranſcript of my Correſpondence with Mr. Barwell, on the Subject of his Miſſion, commencing with my original Inſtructions; which I hope will meet with the Honourable Board's Approbation.

Extract of Correſpondence between the Reſident at the Vizier's Court and Mr. Daniel Barwell, agreeable to their reſpective Dates.

To Nath[l] Middleton, Eſq; Reſident at the Vizier's Court.

Sir,

I arrived at Rampoor, the Capital of the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn, this Morning. Purſuant to your Inſtructions, I ſhall make all poſſible Haſte to enquire, if the Reports circulated to the Prejudice of Fyzoola Cawn, have any Foundation in Truth, or have been merely raiſed by his Enemies, to create Animoſities between the Government of the Vizier and his Government. To-night I ſhall do myſelf the Pleaſure of waiting on him, when I ſhall deliver to him your Letter of Introduction on the Part of our Government, to explain to him the Nature of my Miſſion; and alſo unfold to him in the fulleſt Manner, the Particulars of the Reports that accuſe him of having broken every Article of Conſequence of the Treaty granted him by the Indulgence of the late Vizier, Sujah ul Dowlah, that he may have a fair Opportunity allowed him of acquitting himſelf to the Satisfaction of our Ally, or be reduced to the Neceſſity of avowing his Intentions, whatever they may be.

As ſoon as a ſhort Reſidence at this Place has enabled me to gather Information on the other Particulars recommended to my Enquiry, I will inſtantly communicate to you all that may appear to me worthy of the Notice of the Vizier, or our Government.

I am, &c.

Rampoor,
the 18th March 1778.

(Signed) Dan[l] Barwell.

To Mr. Daniel Barwell.

Sir,

I have been duly favoured with your Letter, under Date the 18th Inſtant; and am glad to hear of your ſafe Arrival at Rampoor, and that you are proceeding without Delay to enter into the Buſineſs of your Miſſion. In the Conduct of this Negociation, I am confident you will exert your beſt Efforts to aſcertain, from every likely and creditable Information, the Truth or Falſehood of the Reports which have prevailed, as to Fyzoola Cawn's keeping up an improper Force, or entertaining Ideas or Deſigns unfriendly to the Vizier's Government; and I am happy in the Conviction, that your Abilities and Attention will equally enable you ſatisfactorily to inveſtigate theſe Points, notwithſtanding the Artifices which Fyzoola Cawn, on the Suppoſition of the Reports being in any Reſpect founded on Truth, will no doubt make uſe of, to conceal and keep at a Diſtance from you, Circumſtances which cannot but injure him with the Engliſh Government, and entirely defeat his Wiſh of their becoming Guarantees to a Treaty between him and the Vizier.—I hope ſoon to hear from you, the Reſult of your Interview with Fyzoola Cawn; and am, &c.

Lucknow,
the 24th March 1778.

(Signed) Nath[l] Middleton.

To Mr. Daniel Barwell.

Sir,

I have been duly favoured with your Letter of the 26th ultimo; and am happy to find the Reſult of your Explanation with the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn has proved ſo ſatisfactory. I own, the Arguments he alledged, to prove to you that he muſt have been groſsly blind to his own Intereſts to have adopted a Mode of Conduct in any Degree ſimilar to that his Enemies have accuſed him of, always occurred to me as ſo palpable, and of ſuch Force, as to render the Truth of the Reports, to my Judgment, in the higheſt Degree improbable. The particular Character and Circumſtances of Fyzoola Cawn alſo, ever led me to conſider him as the moſt unlikely Man in Hindoſtan to entertain Views precarious, to ſay the beſt of them, in their Conſequences, at the Expence of Security and Proſperity on the moſt eaſy and obvious Terms. His Character is that of a Man of Senſe, but extreme Puſillanimity,

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himity, a good Farmer, fond of Wealth, but not poſſeſſed of the Paſſion of Ambition, had he even Spirit or Courage to ſupport it.] As to his particular Circumſtances with reſpect to the other Rohilla Chiefs, it is certain that the Extent of Country he holds, is a mere Conſequence of the late Vizier's Indulgence to him, and by far greater than the Rohilla Chiefs conſider him as entitled to hold, ſuppoſing them to be reſtored to their reſpective former Poſſeſſions: It is evident therefore, that, on the Suppoſition they could recover ſuch Poſſeſſions, they would look with the moſt envious Eye to Fyzoola Cawn's Dominions, and wiſh to ſtrip him of them; which, as he is known to be no Soldier, they would eaſily effect. In every Light, therefore, in which I can view this Matter, I am led to concur in the Conviction you entertain, that the Accuſations againſt Fyzoola Cawn, as to Deſigns hoſtile to the Vizier's Dominions, are groundleſs; and as he is avaricious, I cannot conceive he would, without ſuch Intentions, keep a uſeleſsly expenſive large Body of Troops. The only Grounds on which I ever entertained any Idea of Fyzoola Cawn's keeping up an improper Force, or forming Correſpondences and Connections with the avowed Enemies of this Government, were the Suſpicions and Doubts which I was convinced he entertained of the Vizier's Obſervance of the Treaty ſubſiſting between him and the late Nabob Shuja-ul-Dowla. He had, I am ſorry to ſay, had too many Opportunities of ſeeing that his Excellency was not ſcrupulous in adhering to thoſe Ties and Obligations which ſhould, and will ever bind the ingenuous Part of Mankind, when he could, by violating them, obtain any lucrative Acquiſition; and as the improved State of Fyzoola Cawn's Country, from his own Prudence and Attention, had encreaſed the Revenue thereof beyond the Amount ſpecified in Shuja-ul-Dowla's Grant, he might with ſome Reaſon ſuſpect that the Vizier would avail himſelf of that plauſible, however really unjuſt, Pretext to ſtrip him of at leaſt a Part of his Country, if not diſtreſs him, by robbing him of the greateſt Part of the Wealth he may have acquired, under the Pretence of claiming Arrears of paſt Years Improvements. With theſe Apprehenſions, and under a total Uncertainty how far, and whether the Company would at all interfere, I did think it poſſible he might have maintained a Force, and kept up a kind of Correſpondence, though not formed any real Alliance, with the Enemies of this Government, as defenſive Preparations in caſe of his Rights being invaded by the Vizier.

His Readineſs, however, in calling his Troops before you; and the Aſſurance you entertain, that ſuch as appeared were nearly all in his Service, as well as that the Reports of his holding improper Correſpondences were utterly falſe, ſeem to evince, that his Hopes of the Company's uſing their Influence in ſupporting his acknowledged Rights, had counterbalanced his Apprehenſions of the Vizier, and led him to apply for the Interpoſition of that Influence previous to his taking any other Steps for his own Security.

By this Mode of Conduct he has certainly ſhewn his good Senſe and ſound Policy; as, by an oppoſite one, which muſt have been in Violation of the Treaty with the late Vizier, he would have rendered it equally unjuſt and impolitic in the Company to have interfered, either as Principals or Guarantees, in any new Treaty with the preſent Nabob.

I have the Pleaſure to inform you, that in conſequence of my Application to the Honourable Board, they have been pleaſed to give me their Permiſſion to grant the Company's Guarantee to the Treaty ſubſiſting between the Vizier and Fyzoola Cawn, provided it meets with his Excellency's Concurrence; I ſhall therefore, without Delay, proceed to induce him, by every Argument in my Power, to conſent to a Renewal of the Treaty entered into by his Father, under the Guarantee of the Honourable Company; and in caſe of his Concurrence, which I hope to obtain, the Treaty and Guarantee ſhall be forwarded to you with the utmoſt Expedition.

I am, &c.

Lucknow,
the 3d April 1778.

(Signed) Nath[l] Middleton.

To Nathaniel Middleton, Eſquire, Reſident at the Vizier's Court.

Sir,

The incloſed Letter I received from the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn this Morning.—Though its Purport is ſufficiently explained in the Letter I did myſelf the Honour of addreſſing to you Yeſterday; yet, that you may be acquainted, under his own Hand, with his Motives for ſo earneſtly ſoliciting the Renewal of his Treaty by the Vizier, with the Guarantee of the Honourable Company, I ſend it you for your Information, that, if neceſſary, it may be tranſmitted by you to the Honourable Board. In the latter Part of the Nabob's Letter, you will obſerve, he particularly mentions the Form in which he requeſts the Guarantee, if granted, may be expreſſed.—Though the Signature of the Honourable Company, if permitted to be affixed to his Treaty, infers all he deſires, yet, without an Explanation of this Kind in Writing, it will be impoſſible to raze from his Mind thoſe Doubts which have been occaſioned by his wrongfully imagining that Colonel Champion formerly witneſſed his Treaty, not as a private Perſon, but in the Name of the Honourable Company. Should, therefore, the Nabob prove ſucceſsful in his Application, made through you, for the Guarantee of the Honourable Company, you will judge of the Propriety of rendering it as ſatisfactory and full as is requiſite, to convince him that he will meet with Protection from the Honourable Company, as long as a ſtrict Adherence on his Part to his Treaty with the Vizier ſhall entitle him to it.

I am, &c.

Rampoor,
March 27th 1778.

(Signed) Dan[l] Barwell.

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To Mr. Daniel Barwell.

Sir,

I did myſelf the Pleaſure to addreſs you on the 3d Inſtant; ſince which, I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that I have obtained the Vizier's Conſent to a Renewal of the Treaty entered into by his Father with Fyzoola Cawn, and to the Company being Guarantee thereto. The Treaty and Guarantee are incloſed herewith, and I truſt will prove entirely ſatisfactory to the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn. The Guarantee is as full as he appears himſelf to have wiſhed; and the Treaty referring to, and avowing, that Guarantee on the Part of the Engliſh Company, muſt, I think, eraſe from Fyzoola Cawn's Mind, every Suſpicion of this being an Act unavowed, or not fully ſanctified by the Engliſh Government.—The only Difference I know of any Kind between the Terms of the incloſed Guarantee, and thoſe ſpecified by Fyzoola Cawn himſelf, is the Omiſſion of the Words, "Heirs and Succeſſors."—It is not cuſtomary in this Country for a Prince to bind his Heirs and Succeſſors: Nothing of this Kind was expreſſed or implied in Shuja-ul-Dowla's Treaty; nor could I properly urge the preſent Nabob to the inſerting them in the new one, and of courſe, not being included therein, they could not be comprehended in the Guarantee.—I think this can be no reaſonable Foundation of Diſcontent or Suſpicion to Fyzoola Cawn, as the Readineſs with which the Company have interfered on the preſent Occaſion, can leave no Doubt that they would be as ready, in caſe of the Nabob's Demiſe, and his Conduct ſhould furniſh no Cauſe for their withholding their Support, to uſe their Influence in procuring a Treaty of the ſame Nature from whoever might be the Succeſſor to this Government.—I muſt obſerve to you, that his Excellency, when he agreed to the Terms of the incloſed Treaty, premiſed, that he gave his Conſent thereto, taking it for granted, that on Fyzoola Cawn's receiving the Treaty and Khelaut, he was to make him a Return of the complimentary Preſents uſually offered on ſuch Occaſions, and of ſuch an Amount, as ſhould be a Manifeſtation of Fyzoola Cawn's due Senſe of his Friendſhip, and ſuitable to his Excellency's Rank to receive. As ſuch Preſents are the never-failing Cuſtom of this Country on ſimiliar Occaſions, and the Omiſſion of them would, in the preſent Inſtance, be in the Eye of the World highly injurious to the Dignity of the Vizier's Government, I made myſelf in ſome Meaſure reſponſible for their being obtained; and I muſt therefore requeſt, that you will not neglect to repreſent this Matter to Fyzoola Cawn in ſuch a Manner, that he may fulfil the Vizier's Expectations, and do Credit to the Part the Honourable Board have been pleaſed to take in a Matter ſo nearly and highly concerning his permanent Intereſts.

From what I could learn from the Vizier's Converſation, he looks not to a Sum which could be conſidered as a pecuniary Gratification, but merely to ſuch complimentary Nuzzers as are uſually made by an inferior to a ſuperior Power, in Token of Reſpect or Gratitude upon any particular Favours or Benefits being conferred.

I ſcarce need add, that previous to the Delivery of the incloſed Treaty and Guarantee, you will obtain from Fyzoola Cawn, a formal Obligation, ſolemnly and publicly ratified by Fyzoola Cawn, and atteſted by yourſelf and One or Two of the moſt reſpectable Men about Fyzoola Cawn's Perſon, to obſerve inviolable on his Part, the Conditions ſtipulated as the Foundation of the Vizier's Treaty with him.

I am, &c.

Lucknow, the 8th April 1778.

(Signed) Nath[l] Middleton.

A true Copy.

(Signed) Nath[l] Middleton,
Reſident at the Vizier's Court.

Read another Letter and Encloſure from the Reſident at the Nabob's Court.

Honourable Sir, and Sirs,

I am ſorry to acquaint the Honourable Board, that ſome unexpected Obſtacles have occurred, to the immediate Concluſion of Mr. Barwell's Negociations with Fyzoola Cawn, originating from Doubts and Suſpicions which that Chief pretends to entertain of the Validity of the Powers by which I have acted in this Buſineſs.—As I could not but conſider this Proceeding as an Inſult to the Station I have the Honour to fill, and at the ſame Time tending to eſtabliſh a Precedent which would, in its future Operation, be entirely deſtructive of that deciſive Line of Conduct the Honourable Board may on many Occaſions expect from their Repreſentatives at this Court, I have thought it neceſſary, as well to manifeſt the Senſe I feel of the Indignity offered my public Character, as in ſupport of the Authority which the Honourable Board have been pleaſed to annex to it, to inſiſt upon Fyzoola Cawn's Acceptance of the Guarantee under the Sanction it has been offered to him, or upon Mr. Barwell's putting a Stop to all further Negociation with him, and immediately withdrawing from his Court.

For your more particular Information, I beg Leave to encloſe Copies of Mr. Barwell's Letter, covering Fyzoola Cawn's Addreſs to him, and of mine to that Gentleman and Fyzoola, in reply.

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I ſhall duly inform the Honourable Board of what may be the Event of theſe Meaſures, and in the mean Time ſhall be happy to find, that my Conduct has met with their Approbation.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Nath[l] Middleton,
Reſident at the Vizier's Court.

Lucknow,
the 20th April 1778.

To Nathaniel Middleton, Eſq; Reſident at the Vizier's Court.

Sir,

I have duly received your Letter of the 8th Inſtant, encloſing the Treaty between the late Nabob Shuja ul Dowlah and Fyzoola Cawn, renewed by the preſent Nabob Aſaph ul Dowlah, with the ſeparate Guarantee of the Honourable Company. Immediately upon my Receipt of the Treaty and Guarantee, I tranſmitted them to Fyzoola Cawn for his Inſpection, to know if they were in every Reſpect ſatisfactory, and ſuch as he ſolicited. With the Treaty renewed by the Vizier, he expreſſed himſelf highly ſatisfied; but declared, that the Guarantee which he had chiefly requeſted, and on which all his Dependence was placed, as it did not bear the Seal of the Honourable Company, it was not what he had from the Beginning ſo earneſtly deſired.—Though I have uſed my utmoſt Endeavours to create a Conviction in his Mind, of the Authority that had been delegated to you by the Honourable Board, to grant the Guarantee of the Company, and that your Seal was equally binding with that of the Company in the preſent Caſe, as you acted in their Name; yet all my Efforts to produce this Belief have been of no Avail.—Still entertaining Doubts and Suſpicions of your actually poſſeſſing ſuch a Power, he poſitively aſſerts, that no Aſſurances on your or my Part, will be able to remove them; and that nothing leſs than receiving the Guarantee with the Seal of the Honourable Company affixed to it, will convince him, that in Caſe of an Infraction of his Treaty on the Part of the Vizier, he will be befriended by our Government.

After finding all Arguments I offered to his Conſideration fruitleſs, and that they rather ſerved to increaſe than diſpel his Doubts, I deſiſted from purſuing the Subject any further, and ended by telling him, that as the Guarantee had been granted at his moſt earneſt and repeated Solicitations, to protect him from all Encroachments that might be made on his Rights, it was meant he ſhould be fully convinced of its Authority, that I did not therefore heſitate to aſſure him that he need be under no Apprehenſions of its not being granted in the Manner he deſired, with the actual Seal of the Company affixed to it—not your Seal on their Part.—That the only Reaſon for your ſigning it on the Part of the Company, was to prevent unneceſſary Delays; but that ſince his Fears were ſo ſtrong as to render him diſtruſtful of your having ſuch a Power veſted in you, it was now become requiſite for your Honour, as well as that of the Company, to evince that you acted by the Orders and Directions of the Honourable Board, by having the Guarantee ratified by them.

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I encloſe you a Letter I have received from Fyzoola Cawn on the Subject. By it you will ſee the Suſpicions that have found Entrance into his Mind, originated from the Idea he entertains, that the Signature of any Perſon, in whatever public Capacity he at preſent appears, will not be valid and of Effect as ſoon as ſome other ſhall fill his Station; and that this Concluſion, however abſurd, has been occaſioned by his former Treaty being witneſſed by Colonel Champion, whoſe Signature he declared he regarded at that Time as given under the Company's Sanction, and which making them privy to the Tranſaction, rendered them the Arbitrators between the Vizier and himſelf in caſe of Diſputes.

You will be pleaſed to inform the Honourable Board without Delay, of the Doubts and Suſpicions entertained by Fyzoola Cawn, and of this his particular Requeſt, as alſo to tranſmit to them a Copy of the Guarantee, that if they think proper it may receive the Seal of the Company and their Signature.—Till I am informed of the Will of the Honourable Board, I ſhall not deliver to Fyzoola Cawn the Treaty renewed by the Vizier, as it partly includes the Guarantee.—I requeſt you will be as expeditious as poſſible in obtaining me a Reply from the Honourable Board, that I may be able to remove all Suſpence from the Mind of Fyzoola Cawn; and having compleated this Buſineſs, return to my Station.

I am, &c.
(Signed) Dan[l] Barwell.

Rampoor,
April 14th, 1778.

A true Copy.
(Signed) Nath[l] Middleton,
Reſ[t] at the Vizier's Court.

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Governor General—I recommend, that we approve of Mr. Middleton's Proceedings in the Negociation with Fyzoola Cawn.——As I perceive that no poſitive Order has been ſent to Mr. Middleton, to tranſport the Treaſure deſigned for the Service of Colonel Leſlie's Detachment to the Place of its Rendezvous, although implied in the Order already written upon that Subject, I move, that he be now directed to ſend it to Colonel Leſlie.

Mr. Wheler agrees.

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Mr. Francis—I diſapprove of the whole Tranſaction with Fyzoola Cawn. The Reports to his Diſadvantage, which Mr. Daniel Barwell was ſent to inveſtigate, appeared to Mr. Middleton himſelf to be *in the higheſt Degree improbable*; the Enquiry therefore ſeems to have been ſuperfluous. I believe the Guarantee tendered to Fyzoola Cawn to be equally unneceſſary, at leaſt I ſee no Advantage the Company gains by it.——I agree to the Second Motion.

Mr. Barwell—I approve of the Negociation entered into by Mr. Middleton with Fyzoola Cawn, and all the Proceedings in conſequence. This Government was in Fact engaged by Colonel Champion's Signature being to the Treaty made with that Chief. I think Fyzoola Cawn has been uſed rather with Harſhneſs by Mr. Middleton, in his refuſing to tell him that he ſhould be ſatisfied of the Powers that were veſted in him by the Board. In the preſent State of the Negociation, I do not ſee that there can be the leaſt Occaſion for Mr. Daniel Barwell's being detained from his Station; any Thing further that may be neceſſary, muſt now reſt totally with the Reſident at Oude; and I therefore move, That Mr. Daniel Barwell be immediately ordered back to his Station at Benares.—I agree to the Order to Mr. Middleton to ſend the Treaſure to Colonel Leſlie.

Agreed to both the Governor General's Motions.

Mr. Wheler agrees to Mr. Barwell's Motion.

Mr. Francis agrees.

Governor General—I cannot object to the Motion made by Mr. Barwell, ſtill hoping that Mr. D. Barwell may have accompliſhed his Commiſſion before our Order for his Recall can take effect.

Agreed to Mr. Barwell's Motion.

Reſolved, That the following Letter be written to Mr. Middleton.

Sir,

We have received your Letters of the 20th March, 4th, 10th, and 20th April; and think it proper to expreſs our Approbation of your Proceedings in the Negociation with the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn: But as we do not conceive there can be any further Occaſion for Mr. D. Barwell's Stay with that Chief, we deſire you will ſignify to him our Orders for his immediate Return to his Station at Benares.

We deſire that you will immediately diſpatch the Ten Lacks of Treaſure, which you have been ordered to reſerve for the Uſe of the Detachment under Colonel Leſlie, to him, with a proper Guard to eſcort it.

We are, &c.

Governor General—I move, That the laſt Letter received from the Nabob Mobaruck ul Dowlah, may be entered in this Place, and that the Board do agree to comply with the Requiſitions contained therein; but as it is too late to conſider this Queſtion To-day, I deſire that it may remain till the next Meeting of the Board in this Department, and that in the mean Time the Nabob's Letter be ſent round to the Members of the Board.

Extract of Bengal Secret Conſultations, the 21ſt May 1778.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Middleton.

Honourable Sir, and Sirs,

I had the Honour to addreſs you under Date the 20th Inſtant, relative to ſome Occurrences which then appeared to obſtruct the immediate Concluſion of Mr. Barwell's Negociations with Fyzoola Cawn; ſince that Period, however, I have received Two other Letters from Mr. Barwell, acquainting me of his having prevailed upon Fyzoola Cawn, under the Promiſe of procuring for him the formal Ratification of the Honourable Board, to receive the Treaty and Guarantee in the Manner they have been already tranſmitted to him; of his having accordingly delivered them in due Form, and received from Fyzoola Cawn, in Exchange, a Counterpart of the Vizier's Treaty, to be preſented to his Excellency; alſo of the Rohilla Chief's having, upon the Receipt of the Treaty, delivered him a Nuzzer of One Lack of Rupees, with Horſes, Elephants, &c. for the Vizier; and of his having offered the ſame Sum, in Token of his Gratitude and Reſpect, to the Honourable Company. The latter, however, Mr. Barwell thought proper to decline the immediate Acceptance of, having no Authority from me for that Purpoſe; but, as the abſolute Refuſal of it ſeemed to afford Fyzoola Cawn Matter of Concern, he conſented to receive a conditional Obligation, ſubject to the Approbation of the Board, for that Amount, Copy whereof I do myſelf the Pleaſure to encloſe; requeſting to be favoured with your particular Inſtructions for my Guidance in this Matter, as I conſider it a Point of too delicate a Nature for me to decide upon.

It appearing from Mr. Barwell's Letters (Copies of which, for the more particular Information of the Honourable Board, I have thought it neceſſary to encloſe) that he left Rampore before the Arrival of my Letter to him of the 20th Inſtant, no new Conſequences could of courſe be produced by it; it muſt therefore now reſt with them to determine how far it may be proper to com-

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us in the Eyes of the Indian Powers. If the Meaſure was right, it became us to adopt it without ſuch a Conſideration. I agree to the propoſed Letter to Fyzoola Cawn.

Mr. Barwell—I cannot regard the Compliment offered by Fyzoola Cawn in the Light in which Mr. Francis is pleaſed to view it. I do not think we can, with Propriety, decline benefitting the Company on the preſent Occaſion. It is not beneath the Dignity of the Vizier of the Empire to receive a ſimilar Compliment; and the Relation in which the Company ſtand to him, if the Offer of Fyzoola Cawn was refuſed by this Government, might afford Matter for Speculation. By the Cuſtoms of India, the Refuſal might here be regarded as a Mark of Indiſpoſition on our Government to Fyzoola Cawn, and in Europe it might be interpreted a Loſs to the Company for the Benefit of ſome Individuals. I am therefore for accepting the Preſent on Behalf of the Public, and agree to the reſt of the Governor General's Propoſitions.

Agreed to the Governor General's Propoſitions.

Extract of the Secret Letter from Bengal, dated 20th March 1778.

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We formerly reported to you the Suſpicions which were ſuggeſted to us by Mr. Middleton, as harboured by the Nabob, of diſloyal Intentions to his Government in Fyzoola Cawn, a Rohilla Chief, whoſe Country was confirmed to him by a Treaty with the late Vizier. Some late Occurrences having impreſſed theſe Facts more ſtrongly in the current Opinion, and Fyzoola Cawn, aware of the little Dependence to be placed on the Nabob's Juſtice, from the numerous Inſtances he had heard of his arbitrary and oppreſſive Conduct to other Jaghierdars, ſolicited Mr. Middleton's Interceſſion to obtain the Company's Guarantee to his Treaty. This Overture afforded Mr. Middleton a good Opportunity, as he thought, of diſcovering the Truth of the Reports circulated againſt that Chief, and therefore induced him to depute Mr. Daniel Octavus Barwell, who was on a Viſit to him at Lucknow, to Fyzoola Cawn, to aſcertain the Facts, and to inquire into his preſent Views in deſiring our Guarantee. In the mean Time, Mr. Middleton has applied to us for Orders, and we have authorized him to comply with the Requeſt of Fyzoola Cawn, if it ſhall be agreeable to the Nabob. We beg Leave to refer you to our Proceedings for the Minutes entered on this Occaſion.

Extract of the Secret Letter from Bengal, dated 25th May 1778.

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We have before informed you, that in Compliance with the particular Solicitations of the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn, we impowered the Reſident at Oude to grant the Company's Guarantee to the Treaty ſubſiſting between the Vizier and that Chief. The Vizier having readily conſented to this Meaſure, and accordingly renewed the Treaty which had been concluded with his Father, the Guarantee of Mr. Middleton, on the Part of this Government, has been affixed to it. Mr. Daniel Octavus Barwell, who was deputed to Fyzoola Cawn by the Reſident on this Service, as well as to make local Enquiries into the Truth of Reports which had prevailed to the Prejudice of the Fidelity of that Chief, has reported them to have been raiſed entirely without Foundation.

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Extract of Bengal Secret Conſultations, the 28th December 1778.

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RECEIVED the following Letters from Mr. Middleton:

Honourable Sir, and Sirs,

Upon the firſt Information I received of a Rupture with France, it occurred to me that a favourable Opportunity now preſented itſelf to the Nabob Fyzoola Cawn, to teſtify the grateful Senſe which he had ſo repeatedly declared he entertained of the Honourable Board's Indulgence to him in guaranteeing his Treaty with the Vizier; and having indirectly ſounded his Inclinations, I had the Satisfaction to find a Promptneſs in him to render the Company any Aſſiſtance within the Bounds of his Finances and Ability, even ſurpaſſing my own Expectations. I could not therefore, conſiſtent with the Duty I owe you and my Honourable Employers, neglect what appeared to me ſo favourable an Occaſion of extending the Influence of the Company, and in ſome Meaſure ſtrengthening the Ties by which they hold their valuable Poſſeſſions in India. Knowing, or at leaſt believing, that a reſpectable Corps of Cavalry has long been an Object of your Attention, as the only Addition wanting to compleat your Military Eſtabliſhment in every Eſſential, I ſuggeſted to Fyzoola Cawn the Loan of Two thouſand Horſe, to ſerve the Company in ſuch Manner as the Honourable Board might

might preſcribe, during the Continuance of the preſent War with France. And it is with that Degree of Satisfaction which I ſhall ever feel in endeavouring to promote the Intereſts and Security of the Company, that I now acquaint you I have received from Fyzoola Cawn, a formal Offer of the Aſſiſtance I ſuggeſted to him, and that too without any apparent Reluctance, or the ſmalleſt Efforts on my Part, incompatible with the Dignity of the Honourable Company, to influence his Conduct. Indeed, he received my Propoſition, through the Medium of his Vackeel at this Court, with an apparent Satisfaction, that convinced me he was not only pleaſed, but highly flattered with the Idea of ſo cloſe an Union and Connection of Intereſts as this Meaſure muſt neceſſarily eſtabliſh between him and the Company; and I am perſuaded he will chearfully accede to any Stipulations or Arrangements which the Board may be pleaſed to preſcribe for the Regulation of this Corps, ſo as to make it effectually anſwer the Purpoſe it is meant to ſerve.

I do myſelf the Pleaſure to encloſe to the Honourable Board, a Copy of the Letter I received from Fyzoola Cawn; and have alſo, by this Dawk, forwarded one from him to the Governor General, on the ſame Subject: And I have only further to add, that what is now offered to the Conſideration of the Board, is only the Outlines of a Meaſure, which it is left to them to bring to Perfection, by ſuch Amendments or Alterations as to their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

It will afford me particular Satisfaction to find that my Conduct in this Negociation has met the Approbation of the Honourable Board; in which Hope I ſubſcribe myſelf,

With the higheſt Reſpect, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Nathaniel Middleton,
Reſident at the Vizier's Court.

Lucknow,
the 5th December 1778.

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Agreed, That the Offer of Fyzoola Cawn, to entertain a Body of Two thouſand Cavalry for the Uſe of the Company, be accepted; and that he be requeſted to hold them in Readineſs for any Service that may be required; and that the Thanks of the Board be returned to him for this Mark of his faithful Attachment to the Company.

The Governor General is accordingly requeſted to write to Fyzoola Cawn.